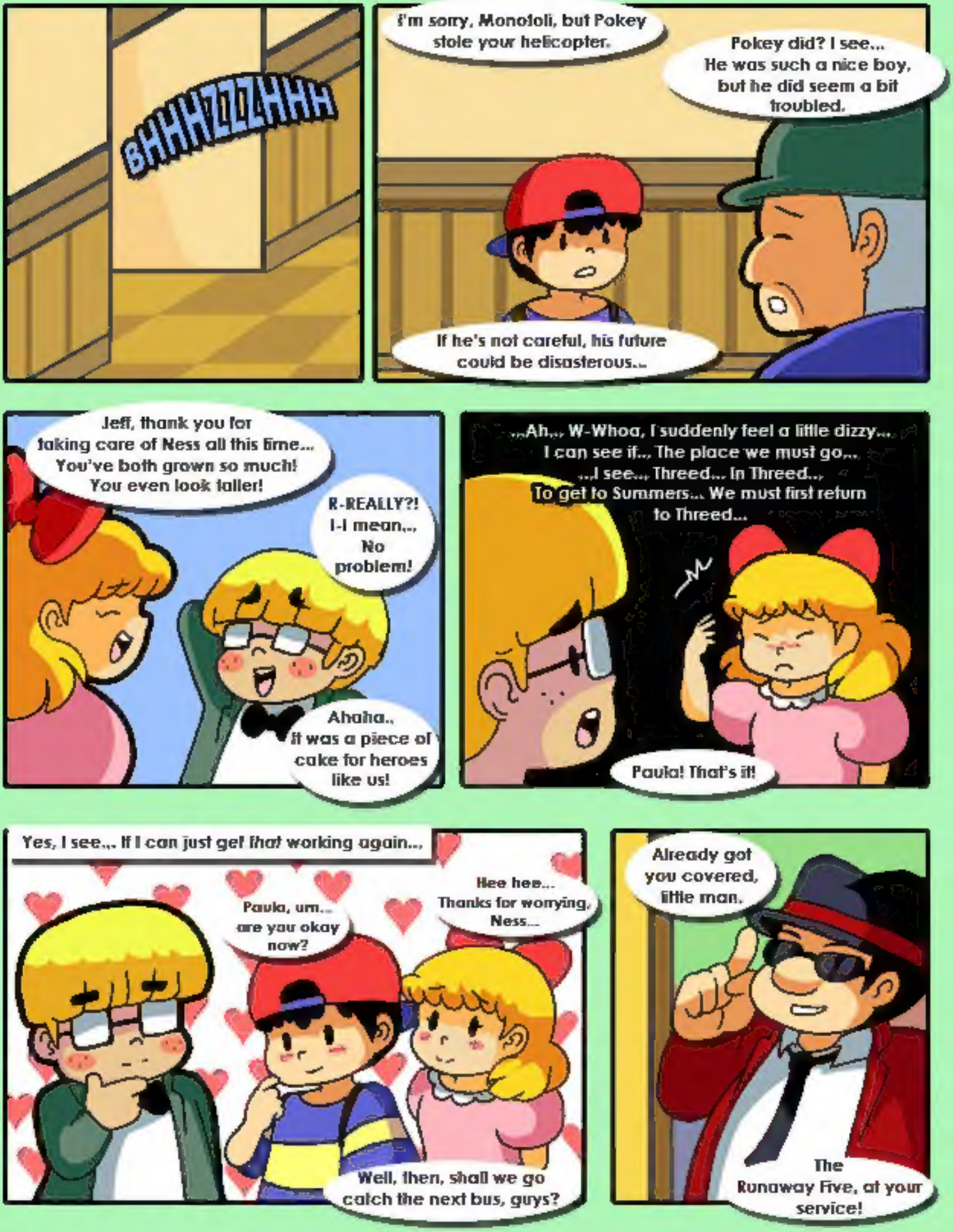
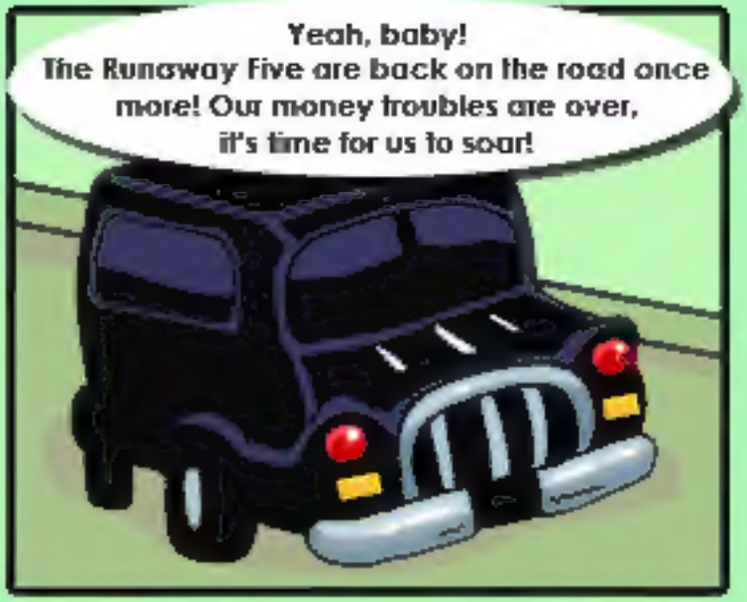

BHHHZZZHHH
I'm sorry, Monotoli, but Pokey stole your helicopter.
Pokey did? I see... He was such a nice boy, but he did seem a bit troubled.
If he's not careful, his future could be disasterous...
Jeff, thank you for taking care of Ness all this time... You've both grown so much! You even look taller!
R-REALLY?! I-I mean... No problem!
Ahaha.. It was a piece of cake for heroes like us!
...Ah... W-Whoa, I suddenly feel a little dizzy... I can see it... The place we must go... ...I see... Threed... In Threed... To get to Summers... We must first return to Threed...
Paula! That's it!
Yes, I see... If I can just get that working again...
Paula, um... are you okay now?
Hee hee... Thanks for worrying, Ness...
Well, then, shall we go catch the next bus, guys?
Already got you covered, little man.
The Runaway Five, at your service!

Y-You guys stayed here this whole time just for us??
Well, I DID run off to use the bathroom and got lost for a bit, but otherwise...of course, kiddo!
"Always repay your debts, and live life gorgeously." That is my motto.
Don't listen to him, kids, he's just trying to show off the sparkles he got from Venus.
Save it for later, pretty boy. The bus is waitin'!
Oh, Ness... I see you've made such good friends already. I'm very proud of you, and I know Paula wil be safe in your hands from here on...
Monotoli... Thank you. I'll protect her! I promise!
Together again... We're the greatest!
This time, we'll be unstoppable!
Um...yeah! Let's kick some butt!!
I'll protect both of them! Because, they're my precious friends.
Haha, just like old times, eh, kids?? This is going to be fun!
We may not run into any stupid ghosts this time, but we'll still give ya a special show!
Oh boy!! We're so lucky!! We get to ride with the Runaway Five again...!!
The Runaway Five... They really are hip...!
Okay! Let's all go together... to Threed!!

By the way, Jeff, sorry you had to hang onto the trout yogurt. I guess I didn't need it after all.
It's okay, Ness! I wanted to do what I could to help.
C...Can't breathe...
G...Give the girl some space, chubs!
S..Sorry, guys...
DID YOU JUST CALL ME CHUBS?!
Besides, I found a good use for it...
ALL POWER HAS BEEN...RESTORED?
LOADING BACK UP MEMORY...
OBJECTIVE RESTORED! PROTECT MONOTOLI, CLANG!
POKEY!! Where are ya, boy?!
Where did my little 'piggy bank' go?
REGISTERING NEW FRIENDS...
...FRIENDS REGISTERED, CLANKEY!
What a dumb looking robot.
HEY, YOU!! GET OUTTA MY WAY!!
IS THAT BIG HEAD OF YOURS GETTING ANY OF THIS?! STUPID ROBOT!! I'LL SUE YOU FOR OBSTRUCTING MY BUSINESS!!
That old prune is going to get what's coming to him if I don't get my next paycheck!
INTRUDER DETECTED! PREPARING TO EJECT NUISANCE!
I'm not leaving until I get what's coming to me! YOU HEARD ME! LET ME HAVE IT!!
ENGAGING ENEMY! LAUNCHING DELICIOUS SUBSTANCE!!
W-WAIT!! I'M ALLERGIC TO--
SMASH!!
WAAAAAHHHHHH!!!! IT'S NOT DELICIOUS AT ALL!!!!

Hello?? Hello?? Ness, if you're there, say something!
Apple Kid? Is that you?
The number one genius, Apple Kid, speaking! Listen, Ness, big news! I've discovered the true identity of your foe!
Excellent work, Master.
This being is a threat to all humanity... With my help, you can stop it!
However, first I'll need to find the legendary Dr. Andonuts...
Only with his help can we solve this mystery!
Hmph! Don't bother! I, Dr. Andonuts' son, already know all about this menace! You can just leave it to me, "number one genius"!
Oooh, is this Jeff Andonuts??
I guess I'll leave this call to Jeff...
WORLD CLASS genius, Jeff Andonuts speaking!
Oh, so you've already started work on the Phase Distorter, then?
O-O-OF course I have!! I-I-I'm brainstorming as we speak!
Wow! In that case, let's pool our ideas together later! Bye, Jeff!
Y-Yeah! Goodbye!
CLICK
..Even though I said that... I...I have no idea what a "Phase Distorter" is...
Poor Jeff... He's taking this pretty hard...

It's ringing again...?
Seems suspicious somehow..
Oh well...
RIIING
Oh, Ness!!
I've finally gotten a hold of you!
Listen, I have BIG news!
Um...
...
...dad?
N...N-No, it's...me...
Remember?
Your old pal...
Orange Kid!
...Oh. It's you. Look, I don't have any more money right now, so...
Oh, no!
I'm offering free help from now on!
We'll be the perfect team!
Once I figure out how to change boiled eggs into raw eggs... OH BOY! WE'LL BE SAVING THE WORLD IN A FLASH, MAN!!
By the way, I hear you're working with that lemon headed kid now!
He's a smart cookie, that one. Say hi to him for me, okay? Well, I'll talk to you later!
CLICK
Ah...um...err...
Y...you guys.... I... um....
I'm a...little nervous...
W...Why're you staring at me... so intently...?
Uh,,um..ummm....
err,..ahhh....G...Guys??
That's definitely it!!
I never noticed!!
...I SEE IT!!
W-W-W-W-What??
N-No fair!! Tell me!!


Yeah, baby!
The Runaway Five are back on the road once more! Our money troubles are over, it's time for us to soar!

My drivin' skills will get us there, stat! Unless, of course, we get a flat!
Oh no... He's talking in rhymes again.
See, this is why we make you stay on the bus.

Sit tight, kids! This show is just gettin' started! Lucky's gonna make your day!
3...2...1...GO!
OH BOY!! OH BOY!!
I-THIS IS AMAZING!!

MONEY!
YEAH!
THAT'S WHAT I WANT!
MONEY!
C'MON!
THAT'S WHAT IS HOT!

You've done a fine job, Ness. As a reward, I'll share one of the monkey cave treasures with you.
..Really?

A...bag? Can it hold bicycles? ...it's kind of dusty.
Oh, that's just some powder.
I thought I'd clean it up for you, so I dumped it all. Enjoy!

BRAAAARWK!!!!
Why do I get the feeling you're hiding something?
Look, the less questions you ask right now, the happier you're gonna be.

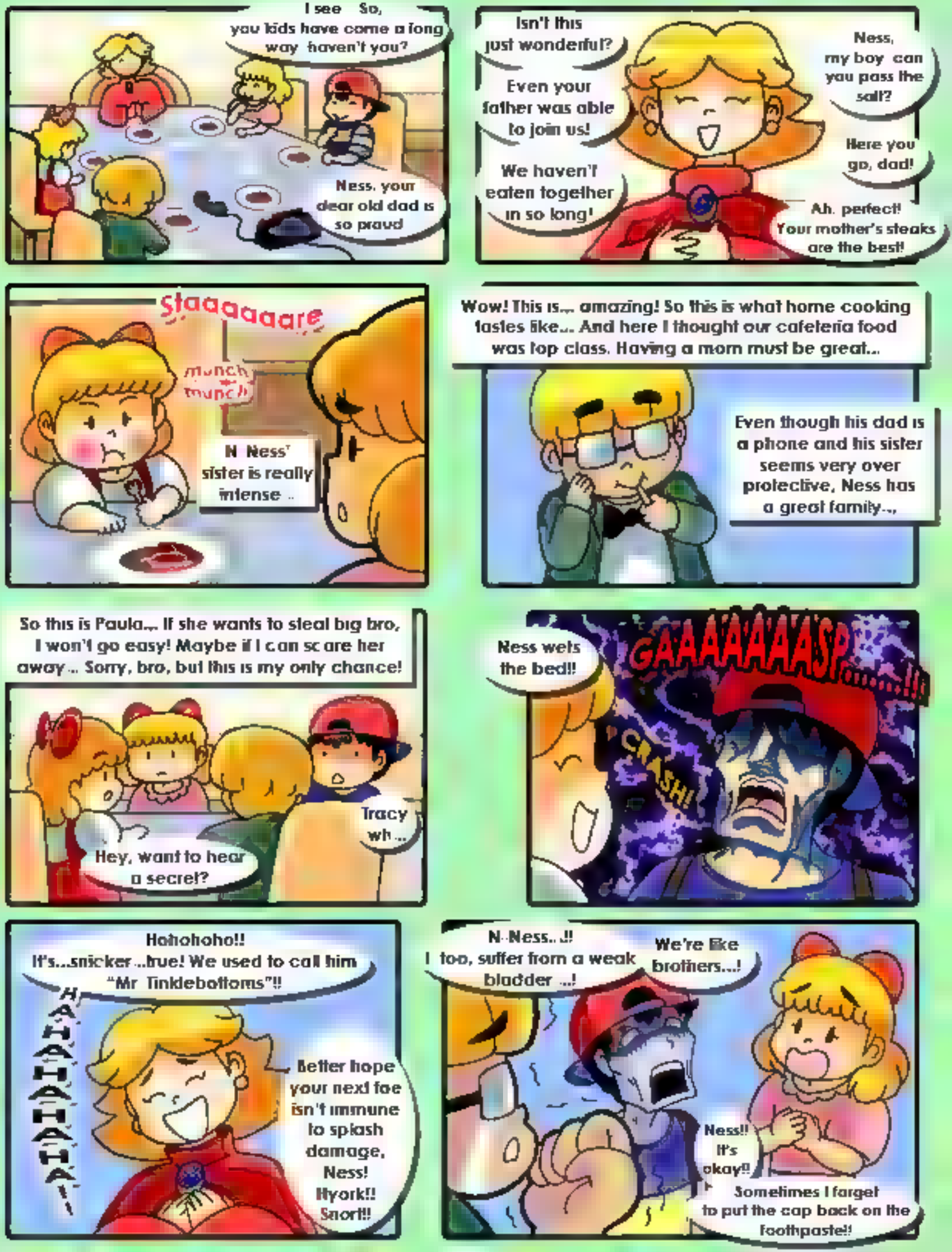
In a way, I almost wish this bus ride wouldn't end. I only hope Reginald didn't get us into any more trouble somehow..
PIZZA
Well, kids... This is the end of the line... ..Aw, shucks, I'm no good with farewells. I'm gonna miss you kids.
It's amazin' how much you've grown, and to think, you'll be gettin' a whole lot stronger.
Listen, although this is farewell, we'll always be pals. Anytime you need us, just think of our songs, and I'm sure our power will come flowin' through ya!
Just like us, our music is strong! Use our music to give 'em a real "Runaway Punch"! Wah ha ha!
It still feels like we haven't done enough for ya, though. I think we need to give ya something real special.... A parting gift to commemorate our journey.
We don't really have money, but.. Okay! How about these!
No matter how far apart we are, we'll always be a team.
The Runaway "Eight"!
YAAAAAAY!!
Until we meet again... stay gorgeous, kids.

These clothes are mostly for show, so I'll put them away for now. The Runaway Five must not have to rely on equipment for their strength, huh...
Let's see... If was near a graveyard...
Hey, do you guys hear that?
CLANG CLANG
It sounds like somebody is down there!
Oh!! I-It's already fixed??
Oh, well, look who it is! I should have known, you punks WOULD have your own spaceship, wouldn't you?!
Ahoy there, aliens!! Welcome to Earth!! We couldn't fix your ship completely, but we did make it nice and shiny!
Um..thanks, but...we're not aliens...
Oooh! Hey, pal, they're not aliens!
Moron! Of course they're not aliens! They're just spoiled kids. ...You moron.
Um...Thanks for the hard work... We'll take the ship back now..
Oh, but wait! We haven't finished painting it yet!
Happy Happy Village had a huge sale on blue paint recently! It's great stuff, pal!
B-BLUE PAINT?! I TOLD YOU SPECIFICALLY TO GET 'RAZZLE DAZZLE RASPBERRY'!
B-But, pal! It was practically free!!
MORON! Fine, then YOU paint it!
Okay, here goes!!
SPLOOOSH!!
WUH,.. WHOOPS, PAL!!
MORON!!!! IT'S EVERYWHERE!!
M...My ship...

Hey, Jeff... I was thinking that maybe since we're leaving Eagleland, I should visit my family before we go. Do you mind if we leave the Sky Runner for a little longer?
Sure, Ness! I don't think we can advance yet, anyways...
O-Oh my... W-We're going to visit Ness' home...?? Does this mean... He's going to introduce me to his family...? C...Could Ness and I... C-Could we really be a serious couple after all...?
I... I'm kinda afraid to ask...
BA BUMP
BA BUMP
Oooh...What if he only "likes" me?! What if he doesn't like like me?? W-What do I do?? S-Should I ask him or not?!?!
Um... Are you okay, Paula?
I'MFINE!!! I'MTOTALLYFINEDON'T WORRYNESS!!!
...Suspicious...
That's right, she doesn't know about my new power! I bet she'll be really impressed!
Hee hee, don't worry, Paula! We won't get into any trouble! ...I can teleport now, you know!
W-Wow, you can? How does it work?
I'll start running! You just have to follow after, like this!
As long as I don't mess up, we'll be--
CRAAAAASH!!!
Ooh... Teleporting is kind of painful..
S-Sorry... I-It usually involves less burning...

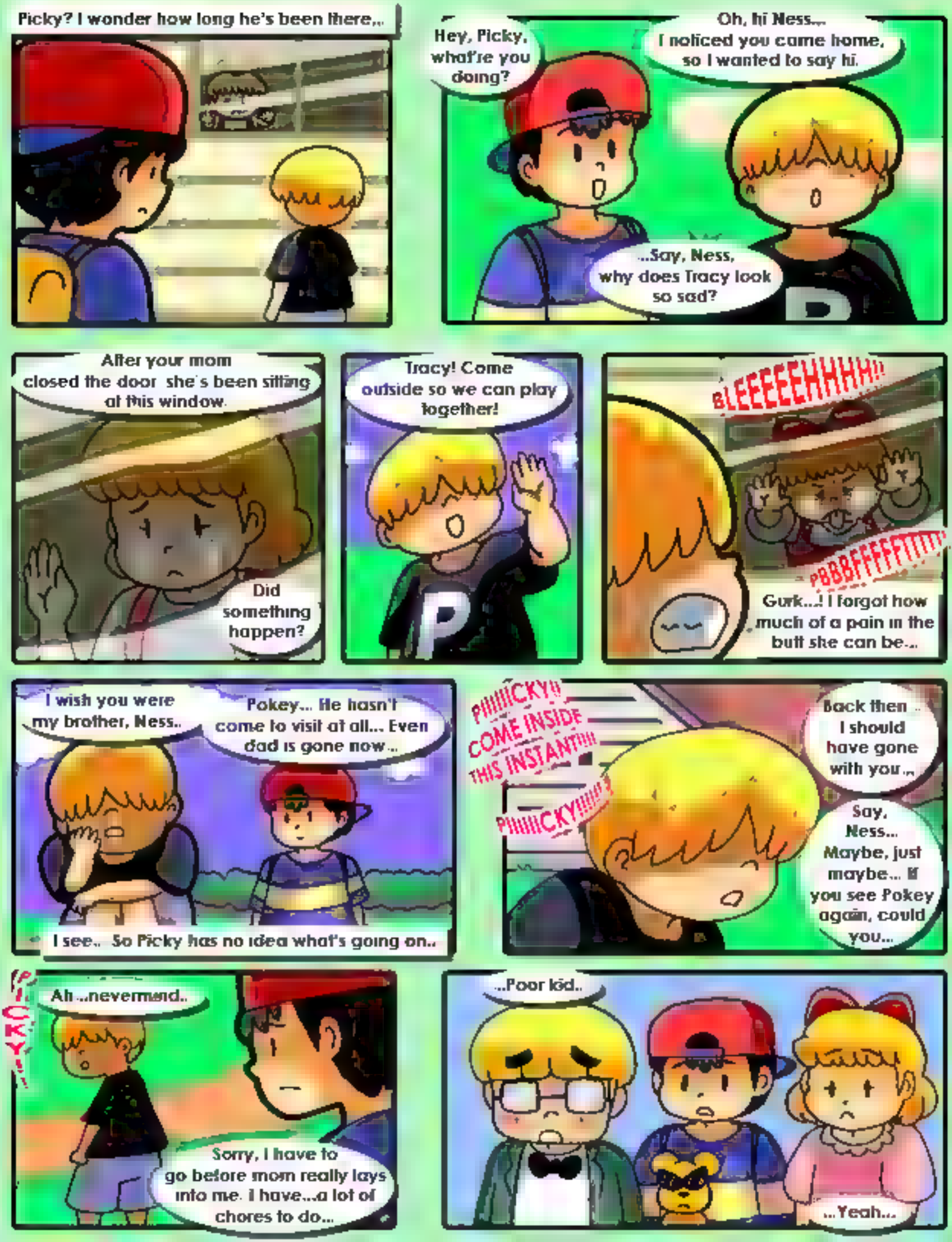
Yeeeeh!! Here it gooooes!
C'mon, King! Go get it! Get the ball, boy!!
Look, sister, this isn't happening. Do I even look like the type of dog that'd move that far? Why don't YOU get it? If you want the ball so badly, why did you throw it away??
Heh heh... Tracy, I thought you'd learn by now...
King HATES playing fetch!
Whew... we made it...
W-Wow!! This is One!!??
B....Big bro....? I-Is it.... is it really you.....?
Where? Where?? I can't see!!
BIIIIG BROOOOO!!!!!
MY BOOOOOOOY!!!!!
W-WHEN DID YOU LEARN TO JUMP THAT HIGH?!
Hello... my family...
I have....returned to you. At last...

Traaaacy! Kiiing! You two come on in and get cleaned up! It's almost supper time!
GET 'EM KING!!
RAWFR! SLOBBER ATTACK!
N-N-Not the face!!
M-MOM!! HEEEEELP!!
There's no escape, bro!
Tracy? King? Oh...! That voice...! It's...!
My little maaaaaaaan~!!!
SMOOOCH
SMOOOCH
Did my little baby faced boy miss his home?? Your mommy's here to make it all better, honey!
J...Jeff... I'm done for... Y...You'll have to take over from here...
Ness, I'll never forget you..., You were...a great friend...
Okay! Since you've come home, let's have a big dinner to celebrate!
I'll even make steak, your favorite!! Of course, your friends are more than welcome to join...
Ah... m... my manly pride
Thank you, miss, um...Ness! It's an honor to meet you!
Oh, my! So polite!! Are you Ness' wife?
N-N-N-NO, I-I-I-I M...UMM... I DON'T KNOW WHAT I AM, MA'AM!! B-B-B-B-BUT NESS AND I... WE'RE... UMM..!!
Hyork! snicker.. pffft..!!
Hee hee., This is going to be fun...

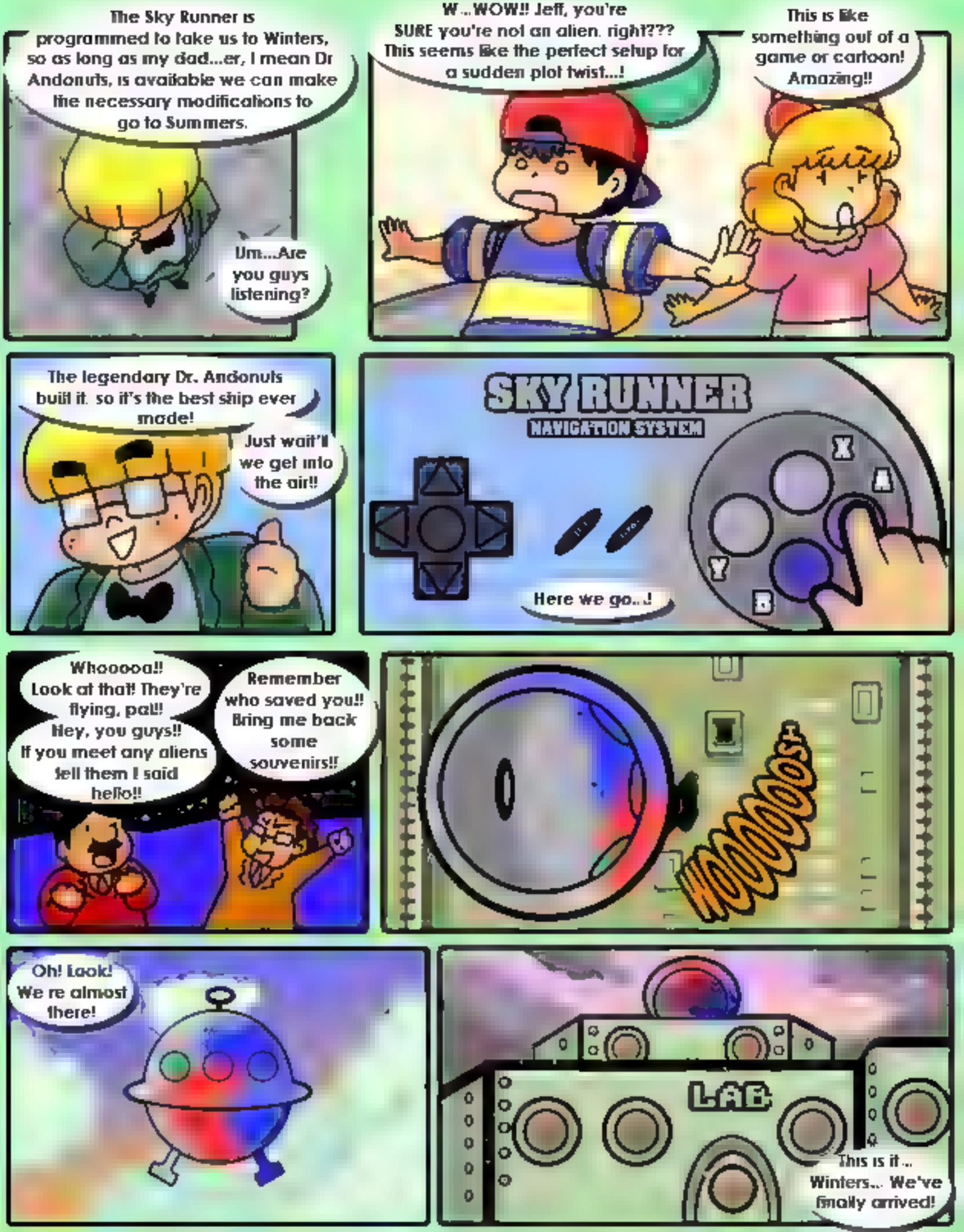

I see So, you kids have come a long way haven't you?
Ness, your dear old dad is so proud
Isn't this just wonderful?
Even your father was able to join us!
We haven't eaten together in so long!
Ness, my boy can you pass the salt?
Here you go, dad!
Ah, perfect! Your mother's steaks are the best!
Staaaaaare
munch munch
N Ness' sister is really intense ..
Wow! This is... amazing! So this is what home cooking tastes like... And here I thought our cafeteria food was top class. Having a mom must be great...
Even though his dad is a phone and his sister seems very over protective, Ness has a great family...
So this is Paula... If she wants to steal big bro, I won't go easy! Maybe if I can scare her away... Sorry, bro, but this is my only chance!
Hey, want to hear a secret?
Tracy wh...
Ness wets the bed!!
GAAAAAAAAASP.....!!!
CRASH!
Hahohoho!! It's...snicker...true! We used to call him "Mr Tinklebottoms"!!
HAHAHAHA!~
Better hope your next foe isn't immune to splash damage, Ness! Hyork!! Snort!!
N-Ness..!! I too, suffer from a weak bladder ...!
We're like brothers...!
Ness!! It's okay!!
Sometimes I forget to put the cap back on the toothpaste!!

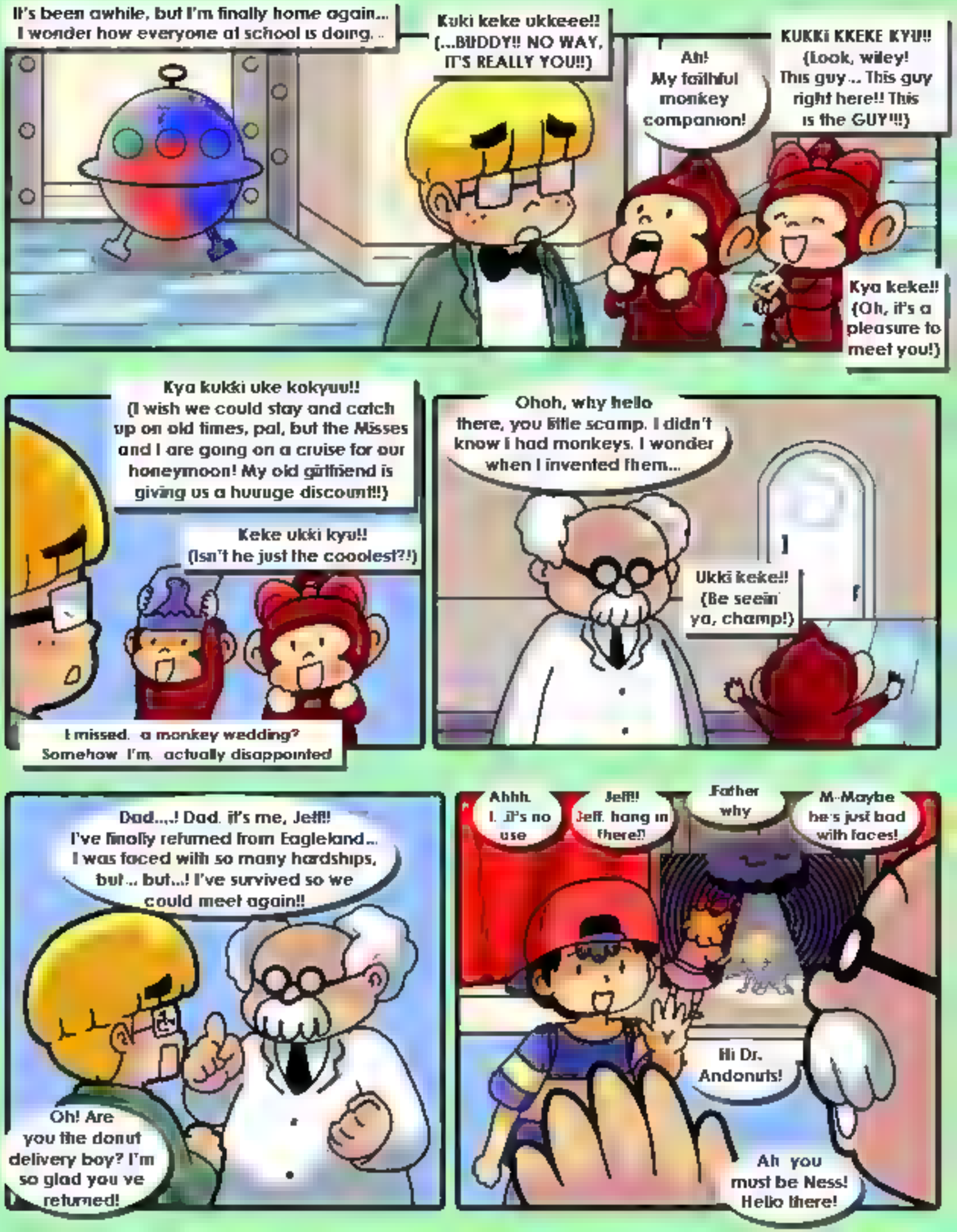
MR. TINKLEBOTTOMS!!!!
MR. TINKLEBOTTOMS, SHE SAYS!!!!
WAAAAAHHAHAHAHAHA!!!
H-H-H-H-H-ME HEARD!!!
I can't let you leave here alive!!
Is this really worth wetting your pants over?
KING!!!
O-Okay!! I'll be quiet, I promise!
RAWR!! Just say the word, Ness!!
By the way, Tracy... I wanted to thank you for helping Ness get the package Monotoli let me send in Fourside...
W-Well, you sounded nice, but I did it to help big bro!
I wish I had a little sister like you! That's so adorable!
A...a sister ? I.. um. .didn't think about that.
See, Tracy? You're not losing a brother you're gaining a sister! Paula will make a wonderful addition to our family! What a wonderful wife she is!
Um. Hey guys.. ? I'm still here
PAULA!! CONGRATS!! You're in!!!
Yeah! I like her mom!!
I-I-I-I D-DID IT!!!!! T T T T T THEY GAVE ME THEIR APPROVAL!!!!

I.. I can't believe Tracy gave my secret away... How can I be the main character now that everybody knows I used to wet the bed..?
Hang in there, Ness! You're still the coolest guy I know!
Oh, what a cool thing to say, Jeff! You're ALL the bee's knees in my opinion! You little hipsters!!
W Wow! She thinks I'm "hip"...!
Thanks, you guys... I guess it's not such a big deal, really...
Well, I guess we should get going...
I knew this time would come eventually...
I guess I can't expect you to stay my little man forever..
Uh oh.. What now..?
Ness, I'm so proud of you! That you would take the time to visit home even when you're busy
Thank you.
We'll be here waiting for you always, Your family loves you, and will support you no matter how far apart we are...
Woof! I'm here for you, boy!!
WAAAAAAHHHH!! BIG BROOO!!!
Remember this will always be your home!! Goodbye honey!!
NEEEEESS ..M SS YOU...UL J!!
...Coming home ... ...wasn't such a bad idea after all...


Picky? I wonder how long he's been there...
Hey, Picky, what're you doing?
Oh, hi Ness... I noticed you came home, so I wanted to say hi.
...Say, Ness, why does Tracy look so sad?
After your mom closed the door she's been sitting at this window.
Did something happen?
Tracy! Come outside so we can play together!
BLEEEEEHHHH!!
PBBBFFFFFTTTTT!
Gurk...! I forgot how much of a pain in the butt she can be...
I wish you were my brother, Ness..
Pokey... He hasn't come to visit at all... Even dad is gone now...
I see.. So Picky has no idea what's going on..
PIIIICKY!! COME INSIDE THIS INSTANT!!!
PIIIICKY!!!!!
Back then .. I should have gone with you...
Say, Ness... Maybe, just maybe... If you see Pokey again, could you...
Ah ...nevermind..
Sorry, I have to go before mom really lays into me. I have...a lot of chores to do...
...Poor kid..
...Yeah...

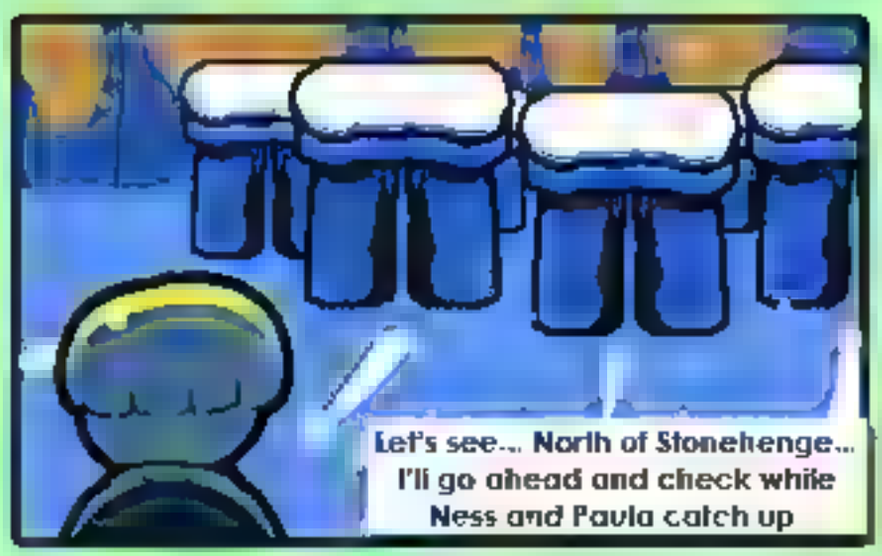
Well, shall we teleport back? I'm sure we can get the Sky Runner moving by now...
Yeah! I'm surprised those guys managed to fix up as much as they did! Speaking of which, I wonder how the paint job turned out..?
MOROOOON!!! PEA BRAIN!!! WHERE DID YOU EVEN GET RED PAINT?!?!
I-I spilled my juice... S-Sorry pal...
This tunnel still gives me the creeps...
To think, if it weren't for Jeff, Paula and I never would have escaped from here
Ah...um.. That's.. the Sky Runner ...right?
I ..it's hideous..
It's.., very abstract...!
D-Don't worry, pal, if you give me another week, I'll have it looking good as new!
N-No, no, i-it's okay .
Well, at least the outside now matches how it runs, This thing won't even move
It would take a genius to fix something like that.
A genius, huh...?
Hm... I see, I see... The GENE 163-1425 circuit isn't generating any electricity...
I can restore the generator so we can return to Winters, but to go as far as Summers will require a MROB 6720M circuit...
You can do it, Jeff!!
EUREKA!!!
I've done it! The Sky Runner is fully operational!!
Woaaw! He's a genius!!


The Sky Runner is programmed to take us to Winters, so as long as my dad...er, I mean Dr Andonuts, is available we can make the necessary modifications to go to Summers.
Um...Are you guys listening?
W...WOW!! Jeff, you're SURE you're not an alien, right??? This seems like the perfect setup for a sudden plot twist...!
This is like something out of a game or cartoon! Amazing!!
The legendary Dr. Andonuts built it, so it's the best ship ever made!
Just wait'll we get into the air!!
SKY RUNNER
NAVIGATION SYSTEM
X
A
Y
B
Here we go...!
Whoooaa!! Look at that! They're flying, pal!!
Hey, you guys!! If you meet any aliens tell them I said hello!!
Remember who saved you!! Bring me back some souvenirs!!
WOOOOOSH
Oh! Look! We're almost there!
LAB
This is it... Winters... We've finally arrived!


It's been awhile, but I'm finally home again... I wonder how everyone at school is doing...
Kuki keke ukkeee!! (...BUDDY!! NO WAY, IT'S REALLY YOU!!)
Ah! My faithful monkey companion!
KUKKI KKEKE KYU!! (Look, wiley! This guy... This guy right here!! This is the GUY!!!)
Kya keke!! (Oh, it's a pleasure to meet you!)
Kya kukki uke kokyuu!! (I wish we could stay and catch up on old times, pal, but the Misses and I are going on a cruise for our honeymoon! My old girlfriend is giving us a huuuge discount!!)
Keke ukki kyu!! (Isn't he just the cooolest?!)
I missed... a monkey wedding? Somehow I'm... actually disappointed
Ohoh, why hello there, you little scamp. I didn't know I had monkeys. I wonder when I invented them...
Ukki keke!! (Be seein' ya, champ!)
Dad...,! Dad, it's me, Jeff!! I've finally returned from Eagleland... I was faced with so many hardships, but... but...! I've survived so we could meet again!!
Oh! Are you the donut delivery boy? I'm so glad you've returned!
Ahhh. I...I's no use
Jeff!! Jeff, hang in there!!
Father why
M-Maybe he's just bad with faces!
Hi Dr. Andonuts!
Ah, you must be Ness! Hello there!

..Oh.. OH! My son, Jeff! What are you doing over there? Come say hello!
..I worry for my future..
Now where did that delivery boy get to...
Oh! By the way, you have a brother now! His name is Willis!
..Hohoh, actually he wandered in one day at random.
He s a real nice fellow! A sharp business man as well!
You two will get along! I bet you have a lot in common, like wetting the
NO!!!
STOP, RIGHT THERE!!! WE'RE NOT DOING THAT AGAIN!!
UUUNNNNNGHAAAAA!
WOW!! It's the REAL Big Feet! They found him!!
Mr. Big Feet. can we .get your autograph???
UNGGGAAA UNGAWA..
I've taught Willis a variety of skils. buf he doesn't like writing for some reason .. Go on, Willis! Show them your stuff!
..Wunga,...
I just don't get it...
HUUNGAAA BUUUNGAA!!! (Advanced Calculus.... BAAAAD! NO WAAAANT!!!)

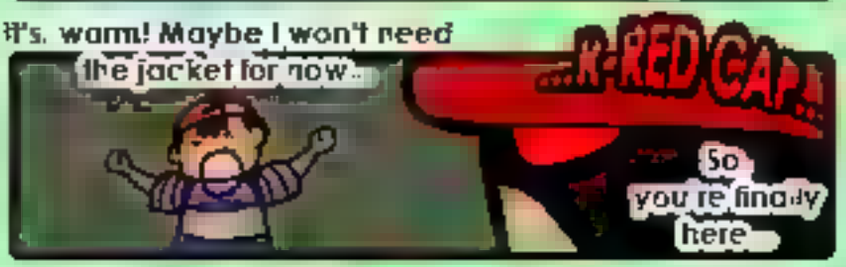
Dr Andonuts, we were wondering if you would be able to fix the Sky Runner for us... We really need to get to Summers.
Ah, yes, my dear boy, let me take care of that for you.
This may take awhile, though...
Say, Jeff, why don't you take your friends to see Stonehenge? You can even check out Rainy Circle while you're there!
Ah! That reminds me...
Let's go, then!
Ness, I think I may know where another "sanctuary" is.
Wooow!! It's snowing!!
This is the most snow I've ever seen!!!
Looks like the weather was really warm today
Usually by evening, the flakes are a lot larger
One time they were the size of my head!!
Hey, why are you guys so quiet?
I-C-C-C-C-C-CAN'T M-M-MOVE...
M-M-MY NOSE...
I think it was this way
Ah... So warm... Thanks, Jeff!
...I can't get up!! H-Help!!
Um...I still can't move though...


Let's see... North of Stonehenge... I'll go ahead and check while Ness and Paula catch up

It's so dark out! Ness, we should be careful!
Ah...Paula, I'm over here...

A- Ah.,. D-Don't stare at me l-like that, p-please.... I-I'm. .b busy.
I- I'm j-just a regular mushroom...
I-I'm n- not evil, I promise..
W- Why w- won't you s- say anything ...?

...Definitely suspicious. I'm on to you, mushroom guy...
Trembl
Trembl
Shak
Shak


It's. warm! Maybe I won't need the jacket for now..
...K-RED CAP...
So you're finally here

This "Your Sanctuary" location is mine now...
RUUUUMBLE
RUUUUMBLE

Take it from me...
...If you dare...

Ah! His attitude completely changed as soon as he realized who Ness was...
I wonder if Ness' presence acts as some sort of catalyst...
I have patiently waited...for many years. Countless potential is hidden within this body. I am a master of many abilities.
You shall never take "Your Sanctuary"
W Wait.. B-But would that mean i-it's no longer "Your Sanctuary" since I have it now...?
M-Maybe it's "My Sanctuary", so.. um... d-do I s-s-s-till g-guard it...?
NO MATTER! "This Sanctuary" ....You cannot have it!!
PSI Fire!!
Doooof!
Wow! Nice shot, Paula!
W What was t-that awful attack.. ?
SIZZLE
T-That was really fun!! I haven't been able to fight alongside Ness and Jeff in so long.
Oh! Oh! M-My f-favorite cap...!
T-This is a c-collector's item... I h-have to s-save it..
B-But .I.., c-can't reach..,
It took me forever to collect this...
You'll pay dearly for trying to cook my rare item!!

...Ah... This strange feeling is somehow familiar...
W What did he do to us ..?
WAH HA HA HA!!
Feel the wrath of Shroom!! Enjoy the annoyance of not having complete control over who you target!
Um... You forgot about me.
Ho ho Did I? Ness, look over there Isn't that mushroom guy kind of suspicious? Why don't you try attacking him?
Somehow I feel like I'm being misrepresented ..
W Why me?! .. O Oh .. S Suspicious mushroom...right ..
BAAAASH!!
F Fine!! In t that case, I'll just keep you from attacking altogether!
SLAM!!
Ah .. He knocked off the mushroom..
Oh no! He's trying to single out Ness !
Prepare yourself! This is where you will be buried!

..But why attack you myself when I have a companion who is willing to do the job for me? Geh heh heh!
How about it? Why not show your friends what you can do?
I-I m t-t-too cold,.. D-Do it y-yourself ..
R-Rejected... by my own minion!!
Useless.... In that case, I will gather my strength and unleash all that I learned from those mail order samurai lessons... Hooooh ...
..O-Oh.,. b-but I d-don't have a s-sword .
T-Then... I will i-improvise...! Hooooh!
"MOONLIGHT" (GAP)
W-What is he d-doing...?
Is this some sort of ultimate attack ?
HERE I GO!! UNLEASH... THE... ..BEAST!!
MOONLIGHT "IMPROVISING SINCE I DON'T HAVE A SWORD" KICK!!!!

For an ultimate attack, he sure is leaving himself wide open.
SHOOOM!
A...AH!! H-he interrupted m-me...
O-Oh no...!!
M-My precious d-drawing..!
...This is...
...I see. So that's how it is.
...Y-You saw it.
And now that I have, know that I will be your opponent. This battle is between us now.
Gegege....
You're more courageous than you look. ..But also just as foolish! Although I may have been shy before, this new power has changed me!
Do you really think you can win?
It's no longer a matter of "thinking" I can defeat you. I MUST defeat you! For my pride!
Jeff, what's.
Ness, worry not! I will finish this battle myself. Just watch what I can do!!

To face me alone... Very well, I won't hold back any longer. The secret art passed through my family for generations, learned from only the finest of mail order martial arts training manuals.
All it takes.. is one attack..
NORTHSTAR "DID YOU JUST MAKE HIS HEAD EXPLODE?" PUNCH!
This art does not actually have a name. That is just what people say when they witness it in action.
OOOOOM
Yeeeehhhh!!
That's.. just sad...
Well, let's get this over with, shall we? I'll even use one of my big bottle rockets!
HAAAA HA HA HA HAAAA!!
You fool! My body absorbs these sort of things with no problem!!
Interesting! I wonder how well it would absorb the explosion once I shoot the rocket!
How about we find out?
N-N N-N-N NO, T T T T THAT'S QUITE ALRIGHT!!!!

S-Stop picking on me, y you big bully... G-Go away, I leave me alone...
You started it...
Juuunfffff!!
HUUUUNRRRGHHH!!
Well, so much for that... Here I thought I'd finally be able to get my revenge.
Geheheh ... Got it out. Now, let's see how you like being hit with your own weapon
GEHEHE HUH?! AHHHNOOOOOOOMYHANDAAAHHH!!!
BOOOOOM!!
Come to think of it, the Sanctuary should be completely unguarded by now.
Shall we get going, then?
W...W...Wait... I...I'm n-not d-done yet..
Oh...! I'm myself again! ...What did I miss?? ...Why are you bald??
N...No... M-My secret...
O...Okay... I'm done...
I can't believe I wasted a bottle rocket on him...

It wasn't...always like this...
I was once but a young fungi with a promising cap full of hope and dreams... Those were the happiest days of my life..
No, no, you're going too far back. This picture is what I want to know about.
T That is.. Um...well...
Everyone h-has dreams r-right..?
E-Even s-someone like m-me.
My dream... was to become the world's g-greatest hair designer
W-Working diligently, I aspired t-to craft the p-perfect hair style for e-every client I had..
I-I was s-shy; but determined! I w-worked hard.
I believed in m-myself and m-made my dreams c-come true!
T-Then, one day, he appeared before me..
I-If I was the world's greatest hair designer, he...
..He was the UNIVERSE's greatest hair designer!!
A living legend!! T-The Millionage Sprout!!
TEACH ME, MASTER!!!
M-My world.. would change...forever..

He took me under his wing and taught me everything! H-He was like the f-father I never had...because I am a m-mushroom...

Oh, B-Boss!! C-Can I call you papa?!

Billy... Actually that is kind of creepy

...But I'll allow it,

I-I followed him everywhere... "There go the Boss and Billy again!" ..That is what they would say..

I don't know who, but I'm sure someone was saying it..

Billy, the day is almost here that you'll even surpass me as a master hair designer. Before that, however you'll need a professional name..,

Something that says "I'M HERE!! IT'S ME!!!" ...Yes. An exciting name..

S-Sounds good, Boss...

H-However I had a dark, dirty secret..

T-This master hair designer, who can sculpt masterpieces with ease..

SNIFF H.C

P-Please, g-grow...!

...I-is completely bald..

..Eventually, Boss discovered the truth after an accident, and that is when he showed me his secret..

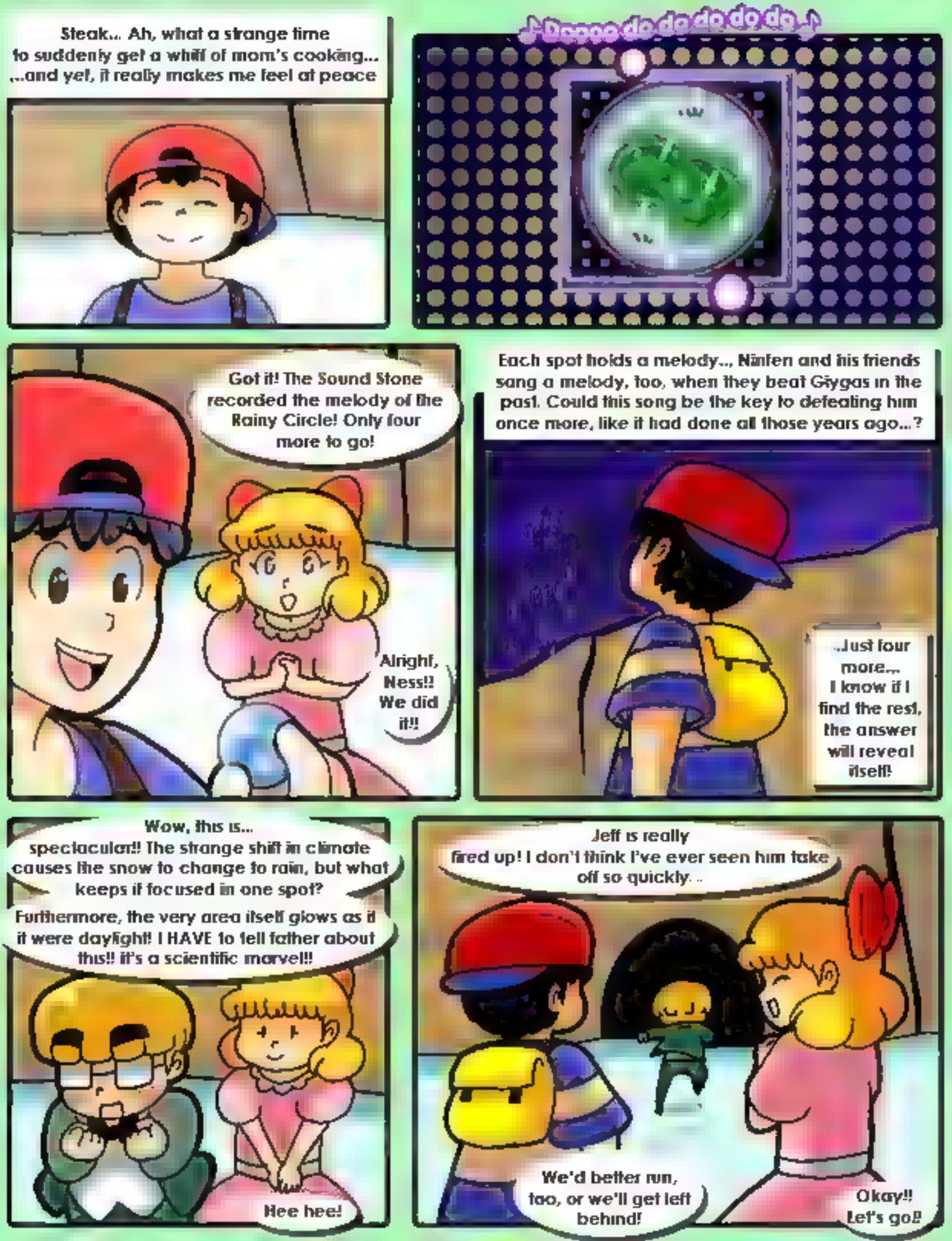
My hair is also my cane!!

H-He wasn't mad.. Instead, he smiled...and then spoke to me in that familiar, friendly manner..

"Shrooom!" he said to me, as tears fell from my eyes... "B-Boss..!!" I happily accepted the new name, w-which was v-very exciting...

"From now on, the world will know you as Shrooom! But to me, you will always be Billy..."

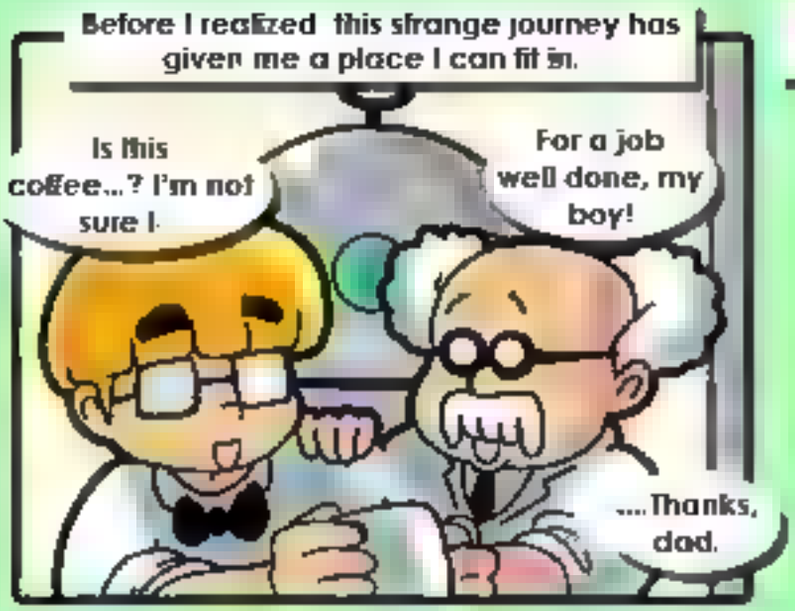
Of course, the Boss retired a long time ago but... I'll always remember what he did for me.
So that's how it is. I guess it wouldn't be right to push this any further now that I know
Well, I guess this is it...
...Wait, you're leaving? What about your picture?
...Keep it. Where I'm going, I won't need it anymore. This is farewell!
For one of Giygas' minions, he didn't seem so bad in the end
Does this mean we can get to the next Sanctuary now?
Let's go find out!
Strange, it's unusually bright here ...
...warm, too...
...Oh? The Sound Stone is reacting!
I can almost feel energy pulsing through it...
Wow, I wonder what's causing the rain to fall in this one spot??
This is truly fascinating!


Steak... Ah, what a strange time to suddenly get a whiff of mom's cooking...
...and yet, it really makes me feel at peace
♪Dooo do do do do do♪
Got it! The Sound Stone recorded the melody of the Rainy Circle! Only four more to go!
Alright, Ness!! We did it!!
Each spot holds a melody... Ninten and his friends sang a melody, too, when they beat Giygas in the past. Could this song be the key to defeating him once more, like it had done all those years ago...?
...Just four more... I know if I find the rest, the answer will reveal itself!
Wow, this is... spectacular!! The strange shift in climate causes the snow to change to rain, but what keeps it focused in one spot?
Furthermore, the very area itself glows as if it were daylight! I HAVE to tell father about this!! It's a scientific marvel!!
Hee hee!
Jeff is really fired up! I don't think I've ever seen him take off so quickly...
We'd better run, too, or we'll get left behind!
Okay!! Let's go!

Dad, I'm back! Wait'll you hear what we found!!
Maybe we should leave them alone for now..
Good luck, Jeff...!
..I hope they're getting along...
Yeah...
Jeff must really love and respect his father...
It seems like his life must have been sort of lonely before we met him, though. I mean, I had my family... ...and then I met you.
We've...really come a long way, haven't we?
Are you worried, Ness? Tomorrow, we'll be in a whole new place with new challenges...
..But you know what? We'll be there...together! So don't worry, because I believe in you! Hee hee!
...Paula...
W Why is my heart beating so fast..?

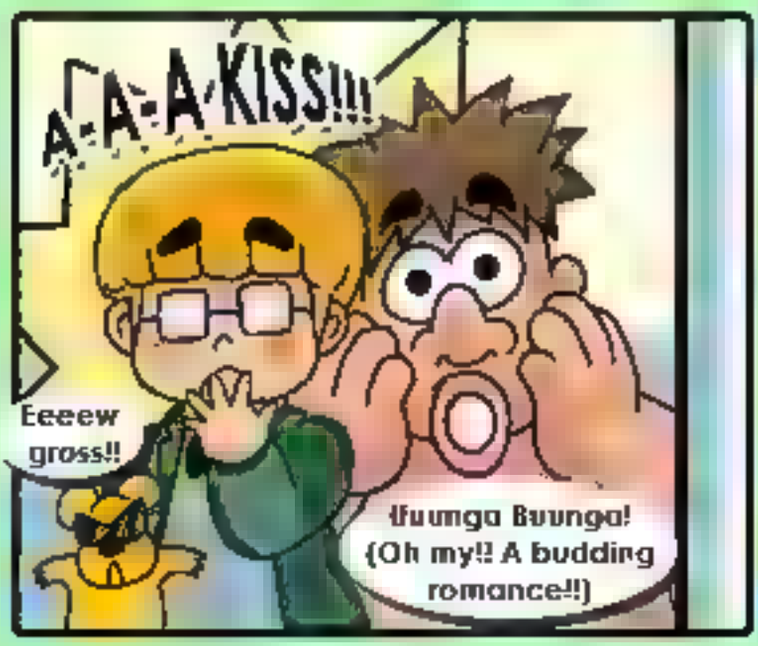
...
A- Ahh...umm... I.. Uhm...
Oh gosh.... Ness looked really serious... What do I do, what do I do.. ..!
W- Why is this so hard?? T-This is even worse than Giygas!!
C-C'mon, Ness. y-you can do it!!
Take a deep breath... Remember, they're just words...
W-We're already "together" ..right? It's fine.. !
Alright,..!! I'll gather all of my strength for this...!! My new ability..PSI Confession!!
H-Here goes. ..!!!
Um..-P-P-Paula I.. ..I..!!!
I LOVE YOU, NESS!!!!!!!
...That was the loudest confession I've ever heard

D..D..D.. Did she just...
Aaahh!! I..I..I'm sorry!!!
T That was weird, wasn't it?? I d..didn't mean to yell so suddenly!! B..B..But, you looked... and your mom said...!
Oh, gosh..!
W Why am I acting so strangely...
It's just...
you're the first person I've ever been this close to...
Outside of home, people treat me differently because of my power... I've never felt like I was "normal"
When you appeared, Ness, I realized,...
I'm not alone When I'm with you, I feel like I'm a normal girl... not just a kid with "special powers"...
A...Ah...um, w..well, you see....
I..I.... I ...ah...
i..i..love you, t..too...,
W Would it be o..okay i..if we h..hold hands...?
...This boy, who has been by my side for so long...
...and this hand which has saved my life....
...I never want to let them go.


Before I realized this strange journey has given me a place I can fit in.
Is this coffee...? I'm not sure I-
For a job well done, my boy!
....Thanks, dad.

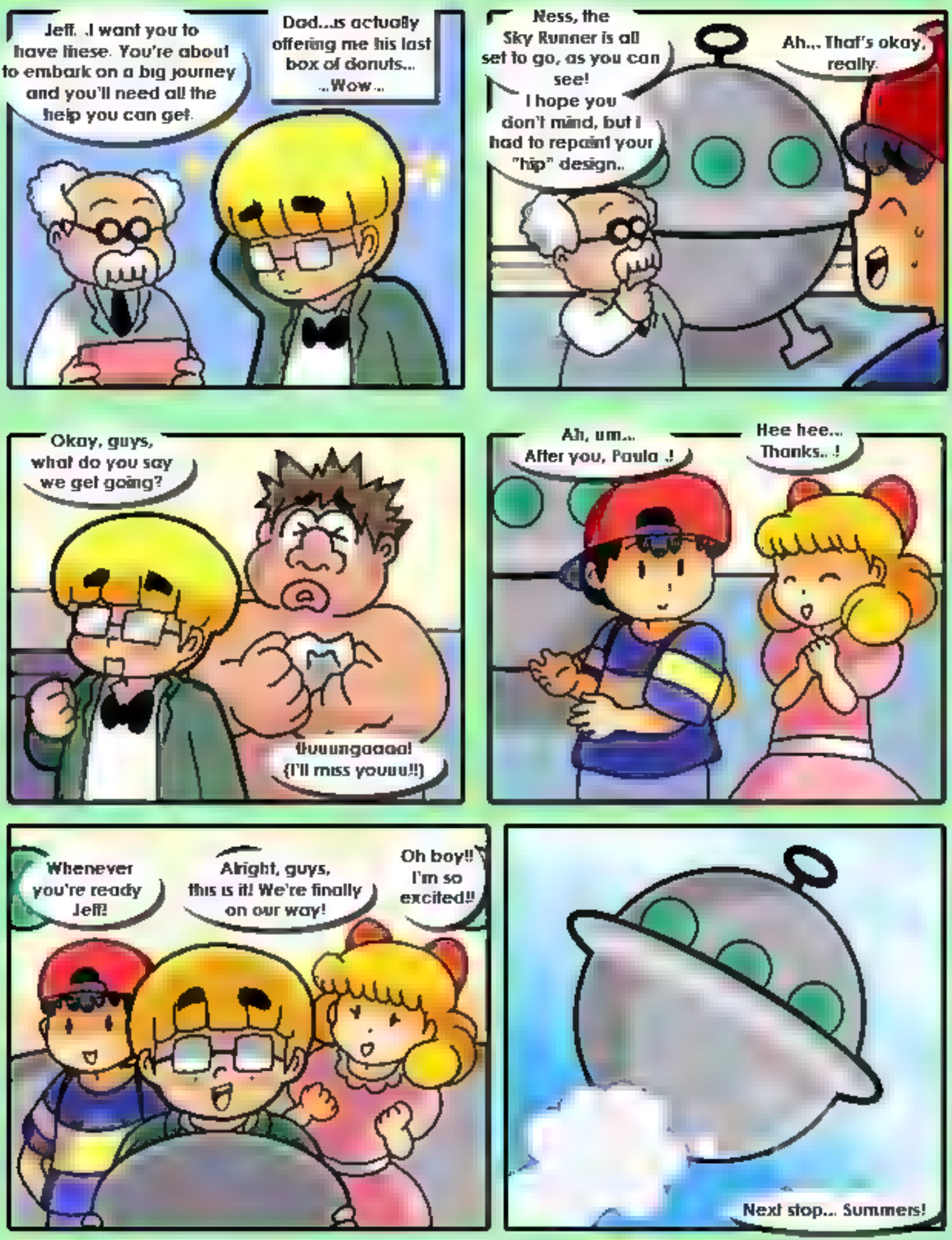
Ness... I'm not sure I can ever put how I feel into words... So until I can, please... please accept this instead.
Don't worry, Paula! To me, you'll always be-

...Thank you...


A-A-A-KISS!!!
Eeeew gross!!
Uuunga Buunga! (Oh my!! A budding romance!!)

Are you two done making out yet? We have to get going.
H-H- How much did you see?!
Too much.

I-I-It's really cold out here isn't it??? Let's hurry up and g-g-go inside!
Strange... She seemed fine a minute ago...
Hey, Ness, snap out of it! We're going now! ...Ness? ...He's totally gone
Who'd have thought a guy like Ness could be beaten by a single kiss...
HURK...! D-Don't worry, the lab isn't too far!
...There s only one thing that can save him now...
.The Instant Revitalizing Device! Ness will be good as new in only a matter of seconds!
Sorry, Jeff... This is all my fault...
WHRRRRR
DING!
...Wow, I feel completely revitalized! These machines could change the world!!
Ah! So that's where I stored all of my donuts.


Jeff. .I want you to have these. You're about to embark on a big journey and you'll need all the help you can get.
Dad...is actually offering me his last box of donuts...
...Wow...
Ness, the Sky Runner is all set to go, as you can see!
I hope you don't mind, but I had to repaint your "hip" design..
Ah... That's okay, really.
Okay, guys, what do you say we get going?
Uuuungaaaaa! (I'll miss youuu!!)
Ah, um... After you, Paula .!
Hee hee... Thanks.. .!
Whenever you're ready Jeff!
Alright, guys, this is it! We're finally on our way!
Oh boy!! I'm so excited!!
Next stop... Summers!

After several hours of flying, the Sky Runner brought us across the sea to a new land. As we came close to landing, a red light came on and the whole ship started to shake wildly. While I stood there sweating bullets, Paula prayed for our safety.

RUMBLE

RUMBLE

Jeff remained confident the whole time, assuring us that Dr. Andonuts had fixed the flaws in the Sky Runner's landing system. The joyful gleam in his eyes as he spoke of his dad showed that no matter how bad the situation seemed, Jeff truly believed his father.

There's no way we'll crash! Everything will be okay!

I think... It was around the time we were flying upside down...

....That I realized he was wrong.

BOOM

Hee hee... Let's see them try to find me all the way out here...

T...The Sky Runner was totally scrapped... I thought dad had fixed it, but I guess it was just too old after all... It looks like this is where we part, old friend. Rest in, er ..pieces...

Well, we made it in one piece, at least! Summers... it's almost like a paradise!

This isn't a paradise ..it's a nightmare..!!

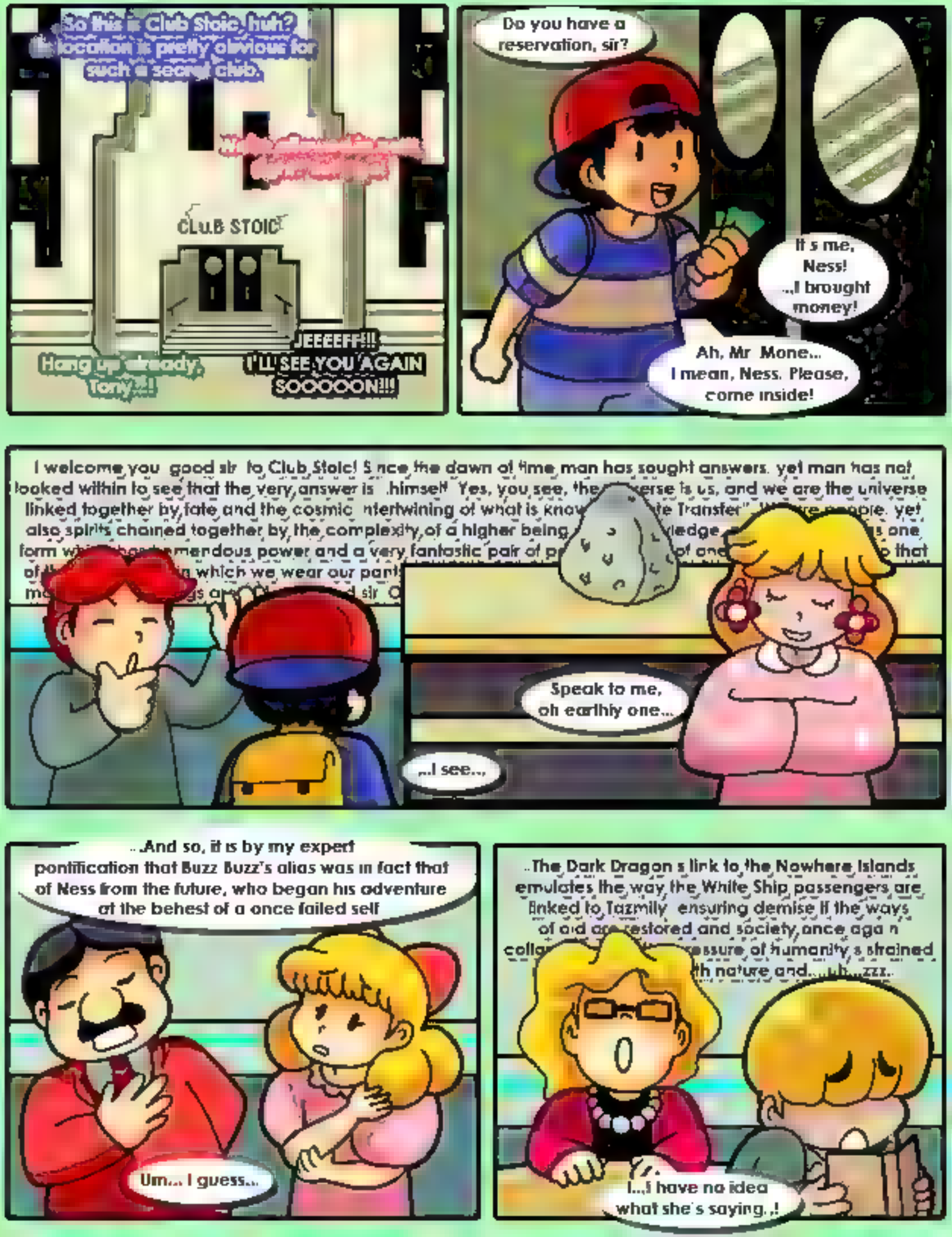
What s this.. ?
..At the far end of Summers...
..A small port town...
... Toto...
A wave of psychic energy is somehow connected there...
If we follow this path, I know we can figure out our next objective..
I don't suppose there's a psychic "wave" pointing us towards that museum...?
Sorry Jeff.. We'll come back, I promise!
Paula's power is amazing... Is it possible she can connect to the "waves" that the monkey hermit spoke of?
If so, it must be really strong to feel from this far away, otherwise I'd sense it, too...
EAST TO TOTO
Thanks, strange Mr Billboard guy!
A- Actually, the name s just Bill...
CURSE YOU, STOIC CLUUUUB!!!
...Ahh!! W What was that?!
Could he be the one we re looking for ..?
..Sigh...

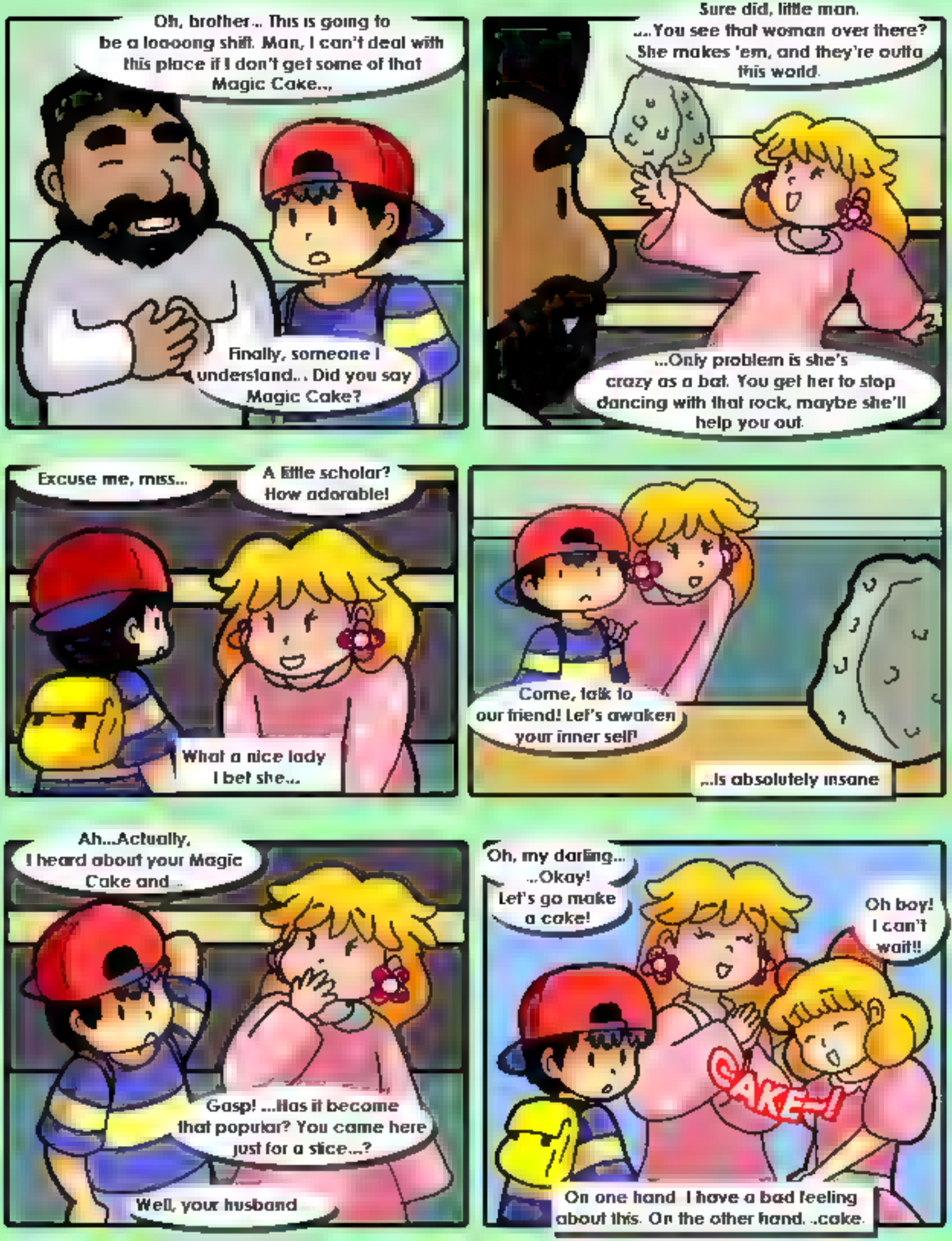
Eh? What is it, kid? You lookin' for a boat ride?
Um... Excuse me...
Sorry, but I'm afraid you're out of luck.
Don't get me wrong, it's not like I'm afraid of the Kraken. I eat Krakens for breakfast. I call 'em Krak O's.
... Actually, it's my wife.
...Not my boat, I mean the reason why I won't sail. Although, I guess my boat is also like a second wife.
Except I'm not sure you can legally marry a boat, so
Anyway, my wife has up and left her Magic Cake business... Ever since she joined that club, I hardly see her anymore.
...I try to talk to her, but she goes on about how pants relate to the inner workings of our cosmic structure.
Do you have any idea what a "Valenzetti Equation" is? Nonsense. That's what it is.
42 is just a number, and there is no secret to revive General Leo.
Ever since she talked to that guy, though, all these crazy ideas have gotten into her head.
This guy is a member of the "Stoic Club" I take it?
You kids... will you really help me?
Ness, this is our chance! Let's help bring them together again!
Sure! Maybe we'll even find out more about those magic pants...!

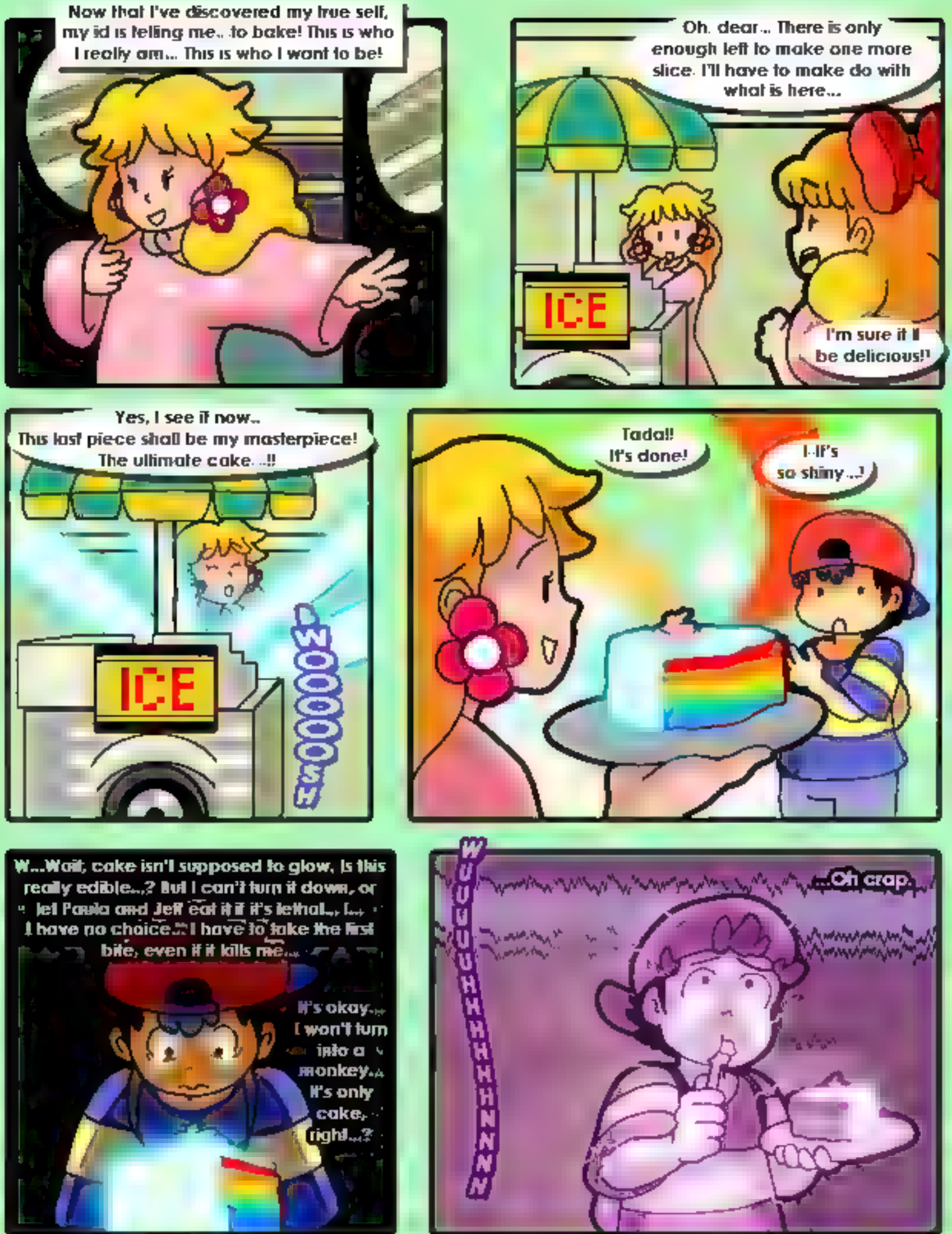
"The house across the way"... Although he said that, I'm not sure if this is the right one...
I'm sure the owner won't mind. Heroes do stuff like this all the time.
ey, mon! You 'eroes need anything, just go ahead and take it!
I keep my most valuable items in my beard, though! a 'a!
Actually, we were wondering if you could tell us about the Stoic Club...
Sure do, mon! You looking fo get in?
Please! It's very important!
The Stoic Club is very exclusive. Only a member can get you in, so you'll have to call this number
It s a strange place though, even for a guy like me. ere, see for yourself
Thank you for calling the Stoic Club! Are you applying for membership?
Hi, my name is Ness and
Do you have money?
Um..yes?
APPROVED!
CLICK
Well, looks like you kids are set. 'ere, take this with you, mon.
A dictionary?
Trust me, this is your only means of survival.

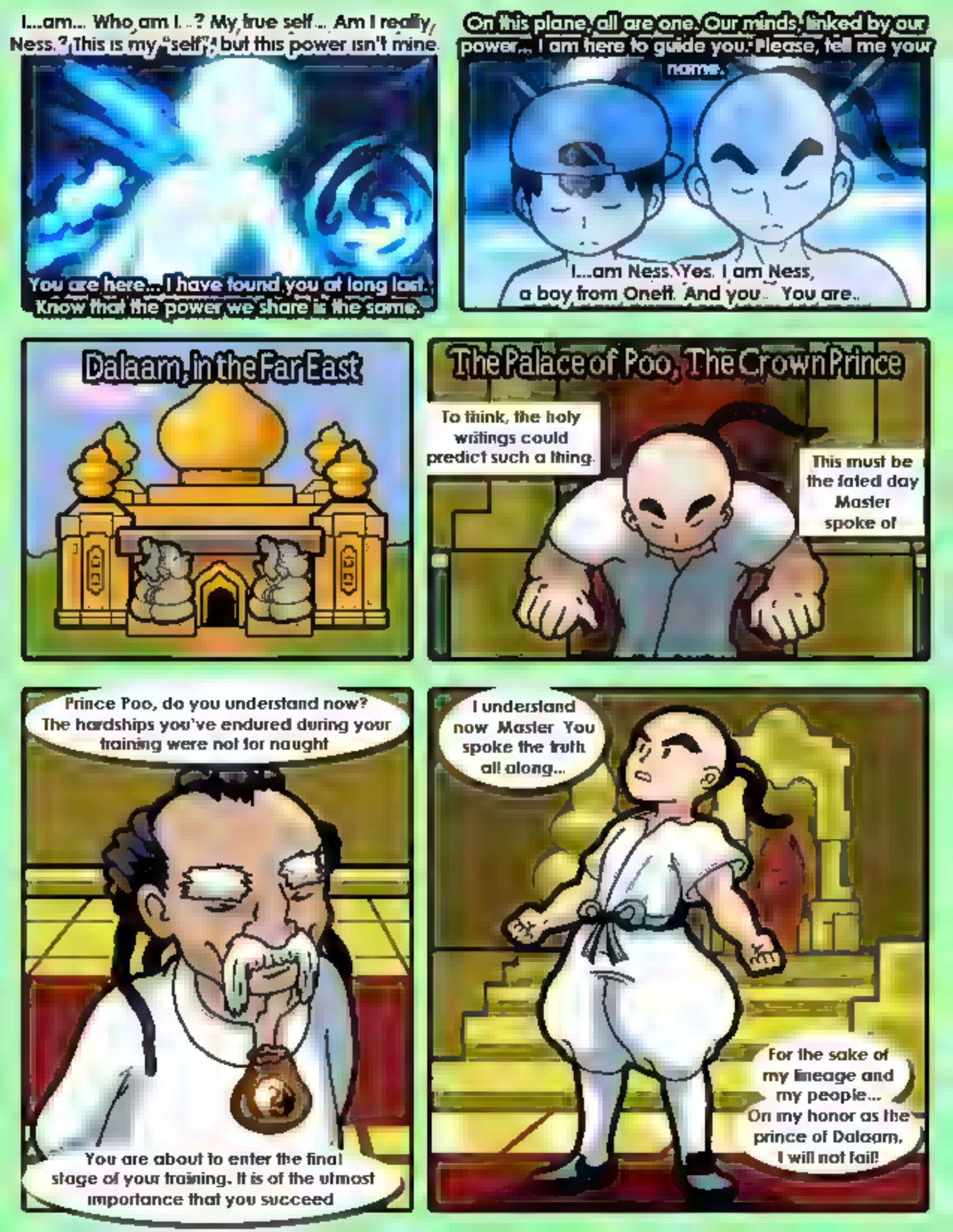
Now all we have to do is find the Stoic Club. I think I may have seen a building like that on our way over...
BIIIPPA
BIIIPPA
JEFF!! JEEFF!!!!
IT'S ME, T-O-N-Y!!!
...Jeff, my bag seems to be yelling your name...
Oh boy... Here we go again
Oh, happy day! I've been trying to reach you for so long, wanted to show you my new haircut! My new hat, too!
That's right!! You remember!! So, what do you think?
I...can't see you over the phone.
How about now??
...Not bad, Tony
Heh! Thanks, Jeff!!
Anyway, I called about one of my finals. We have to make a branch of important people in our lives, and how we're all connected
Naturally, I thought of you
...Oh, that project. Well, you can connect me to you and Maxwell. If you can add people outside of the dorms, then you should also add my dad, Paula, and Ness
.....
Say, Jeff, can I talk to Ness for a sec?
Huh? Oh, sure
Um..hello?
STAAAAAARE
.....
...
...This is the most intense phone call I've ever experienced.

Hmph... So this is the person responsible for making Jeff leave. He doesn't seem very special to me. Maybe I'm just overreacting. ...
Is someone there??
Things like "logic" aren't important right now! Not when I still have one more name to collect! Yes, YOU! The one right here!
Wait, why are you suddenly here? Where's my phone??
Go on! Don't be shy!
Register your name, please
How d you do that??
By being Jeff's BEEEEST friend!
Oh, wow, what a great name! Well, thank you very much! I'll keep this between us, so try and support Jeff and friends from the sidelines, okay??
..Oh and Ness? Don't you dare put Jeff into any dangerous situations okay?
I can't be held responsible if you do..
Uh, Ness already left, Tony. It's me now
Oh Jeff!! It was so great to hear from you again!!!
Yeah. Well, I should probably go before you flood this panel with bubbles.
Jeff um. I'll be praying for you always! From the bottom of my heart. !!
So So Take care.
Thanks... You, too.

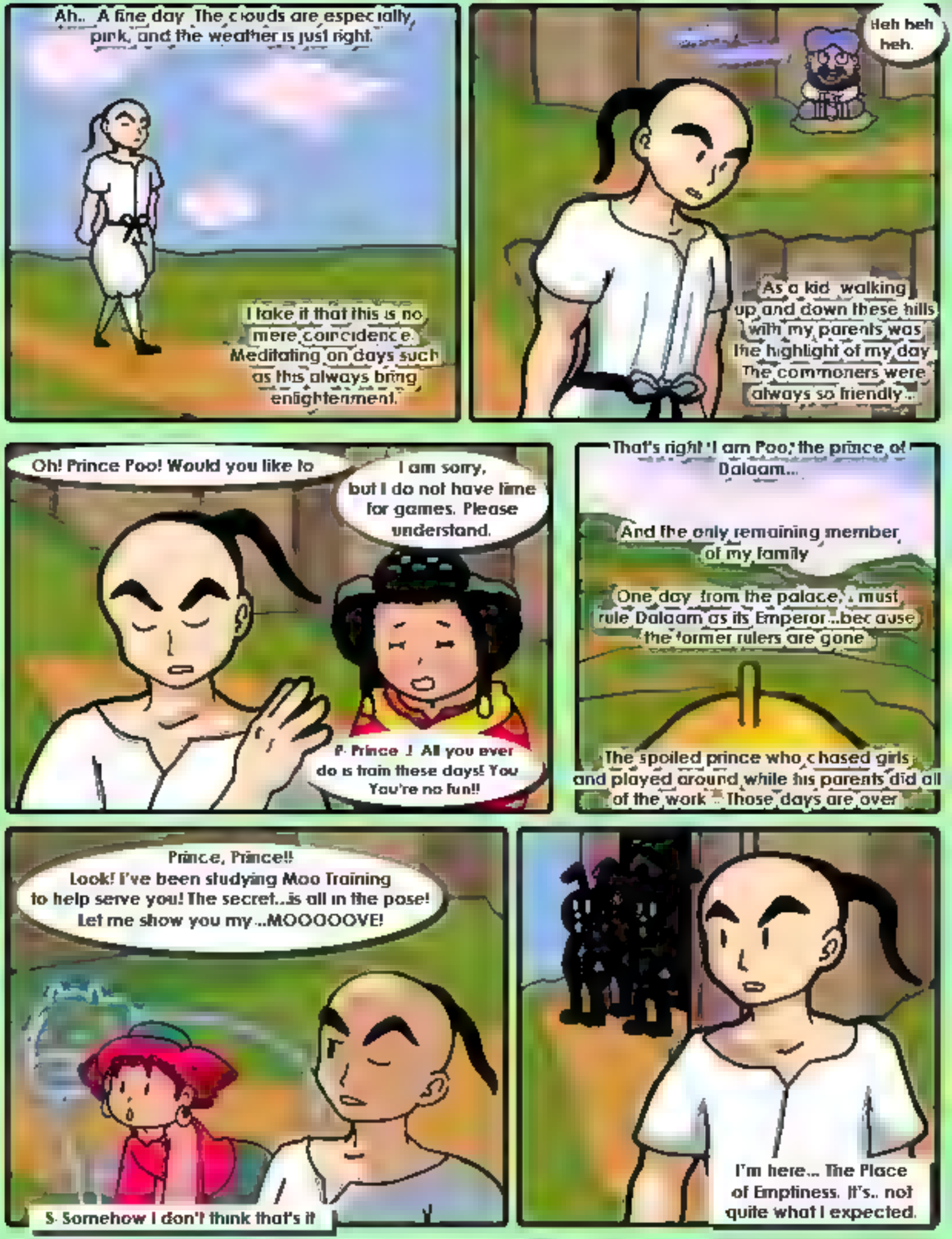

So this is Club Stoic, huh? Its location is pretty obvious for such a secret club.
CLUB STOIC
Hang up already, Tony...!
JEEEEFF!!! I'LL SEE YOU AGAIN SOOOOON!!!
Do you have a reservation, sir?
It's me, Ness! ...I brought money!
Ah, Mr. Mone... I mean, Ness. Please, come inside!
I welcome you, good sir, to Club Stoic! Since the dawn of time man has sought answers, yet man has not looked within to see that the very answer is ...himself. Yes, you see, the universe is us, and we are the universe linked together by fate and the cosmic intertwining of what is know... Transfer"... people, yet also spirits chained together by the complexity of a higher being... ledge... one form wh... mendous power and a very fantastic pair of p... of one... that of... in which we wear our pant... ...gs a... sir. O...
Speak to me, oh earthly one...
...I see...
...And so, it is by my expert pontification that Buzz Buzz's alias was in fact that of Ness from the future, who began his adventure at the behest of a once failed self
Um... I guess...
...The Dark Dragon's link to the Nowhere Islands emulates the way the White Ship passengers are linked to Tazmily, ensuring demise if the ways of old are restored and society once again colla... ...ssure of humanity's strained ...th nature and... uh... zzz...
I...I have no idea what she's saying...!


Oh, brother... This is going to be a loooong shift. Man, I can't deal with this place if I don't get some of that Magic Cake...
Finally, someone I understand... Did you say Magic Cake?
Sure did, little man. ...You see that woman over there? She makes 'em, and they're outta this world.
...Only problem is she's crazy as a bat. You get her to stop dancing with that rock, maybe she'll help you out.
Excuse me, miss...
A little scholar? How adorable!
What a nice lady I bet she...
Come, talk to our friend! Let's awaken your inner self!
...Is absolutely insane
Ah...Actually, I heard about your Magic Cake and...
Gasp! ...Has it become that popular? You came here just for a slice...?
Well, your husband
Oh, my darling... ...Okay! Let's go make a cake!
Oh boy! I can't wait!!
CAKE-!
On one hand I have a bad feeling about this. On the other hand, ..cake.


Now that I've discovered my true self, my id is telling me.. to bake! This is who I really am... This is who I want to be!
Oh. dear... There is only enough left to make one more slice. I'll have to make do with what is here...
ICE
I'm sure it'll be delicious!!
Yes, I see it now.. This last piece shall be my masterpiece! The ultimate cake...!!
ICE
Tada!! It's done!
I-it's so shiny...!
W...Wait, cake isn't supposed to glow, is this really edible...? But I can't turn it down, or let Paula and Jeff eat it if it's lethal... I... I have no choice... I have to take the first bite, even if it kills me...
It's okay... I won't turn into a monkey... It's only cake, right...?
...Oh crap.


I...am... Who am I...? My true self... Am I really Ness.? This is my "self", but this power isn't mine.
You are here... I have found you at long last. Know that the power we share is the same.
On this plane, all are one. Our minds, linked by our power... I am here to guide you. Please, tell me your name.
I...am Ness. Yes. I am Ness, a boy from Onett. And you... You are..
Dalaam, in the Far East
The Palace of Poo, The Crown Prince
To think, the holy writings could predict such a thing.
This must be the fated day Master spoke of
Prince Poo, do you understand now? The hardships you've endured during your training were not for naught
You are about to enter the final stage of your training. It is of the utmost importance that you succeed
I understand now Master You spoke the truth all along...
For the sake of my lineage and my people... On my honor as the prince of Dalaam, I will not fail!

Very well, Prince. I see that your heart and mind are in the right place. Proceed forth to the "Place of Emptiness" at the edge of Dakaan, so that you may succeed the power of your bloodline.
My Prince, before you leave, please take this with you.
You will know when to use it when the time comes.
WHOAAAAAAAAAAA!
The Brown stone? This is one of Dakaan's ancient treasures.
Ancient writing is inscribed on the sides, but it's very primitive... Well, I'll figure it out later.
Ness? Ness, that's you, right? Look, I have no idea what's going on, but somehow I'm being channeled by this strange man's hair! Come give your father a hug!
I... I think it's time to go.
My days of training in the palace are complete
For a long time, I refused to believe in Master's words, thinking my training was pointless.
In order to pass this final test, I have to clear my mind of all doubt Of all hesitation.
I am no longer the spoiled prince of the past...
I must do what it takes to overcome the Place of Emptiness and uncover the secret of Mu. This is where my journey begins


Ah... A fine day. The clouds are especially pink, and the weather is just right.
I take it that this is no mere coincidence. Meditating on days such as this always bring enlightenment.
Heh heh heh.
As a kid, walking up and down these hills with my parents was the highlight of my day. The commoners were always so friendly...
Oh! Prince Poo! Would you like to
I am sorry, but I do not have time for games. Please understand.
P- Prince ! All you ever do is train these days! You You're no fun!!
That's right! I am Poo, the prince of Dalaam...
And the only remaining member of my family
One day, from the palace, I must rule Dalaam as its Emperor...because the former rulers are gone
The spoiled prince who chased girls and played around while his parents did all of the work... Those days are over
Prince, Prince!!
Look! I've been studying Moo Training to help serve you! The secret...is all in the pose! Let me show you my...MOOOOOVE!
S- Somehow I don't think that's it
I'm here... The Place of Emptiness. It's.. not quite what I expected.

Hoho, those eyes...
Confident, brave and kind. Yes, you are indeed the young prince. Have you come here seeking the answer to Mu?
Where did this old man come from?
You must be wondering why I am here. Why are any of us here? The "Place of Nothingness"... Do you know its other name? Mu. Mu is nothingness... Mu is Mu.
At the top... is what you seek. Nothingness.
Become Mu and Mu will become you.
When you share one mind... one body... You will understand.
At the top of Mu is an incredible power. A high level of intelligence is needed to use such force. My daily reflecting has led me one step closer... One day, I shall share this knowledge with you, as well.
Young prince! In time, we will meet again as "Master" and "Student"!
WOOOOOOOOSH!!
Until then...farewell!
.. He left before I could even say 'hello' ...

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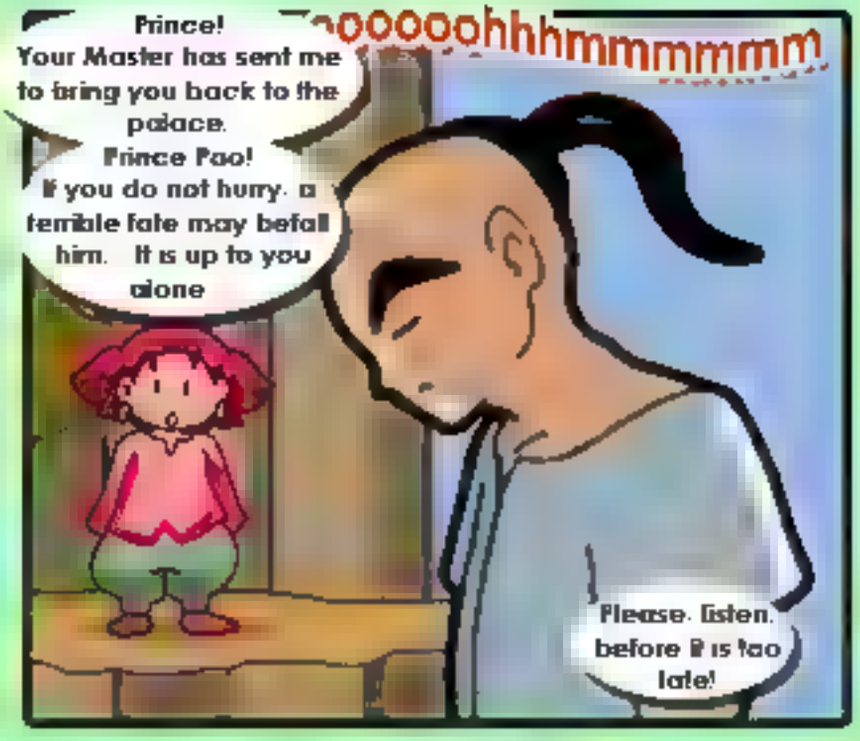
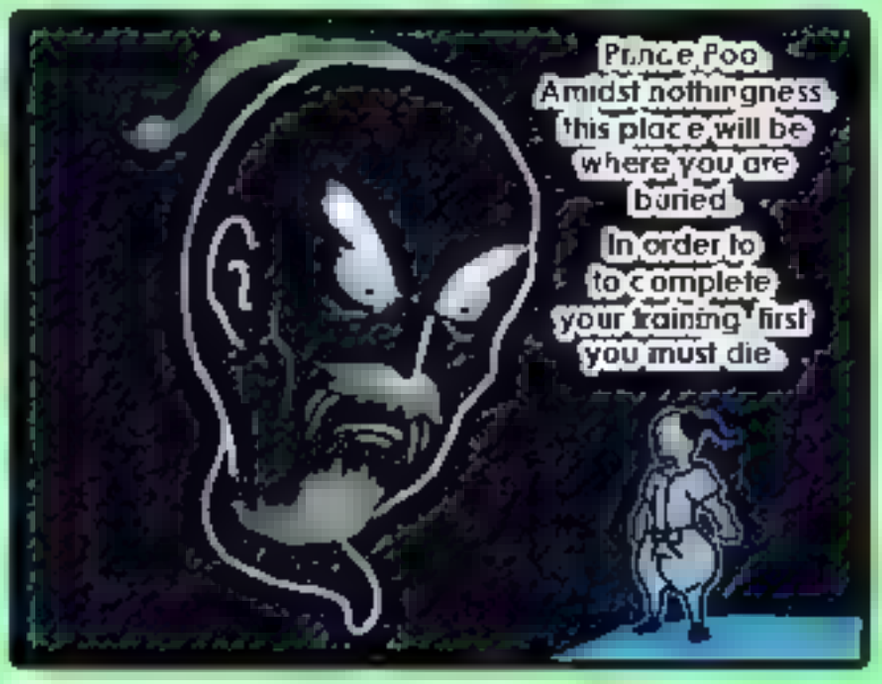
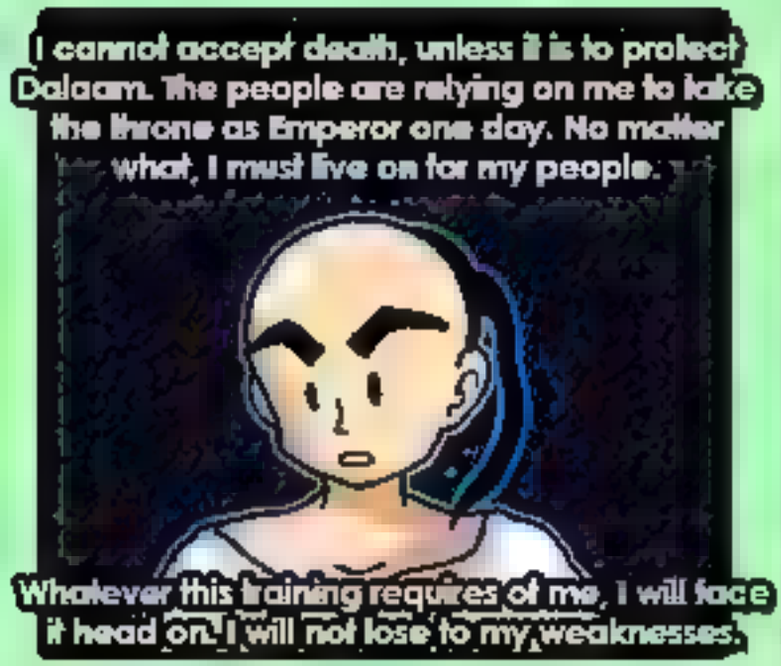

oooooohhhmmmmmm
Prince!
Your Master has sent me to bring you back to the palace.
Prince Poo!
If you do not hurry, a terrible fate may befall him. It is up to you alone
Please. listen. before it is too late!

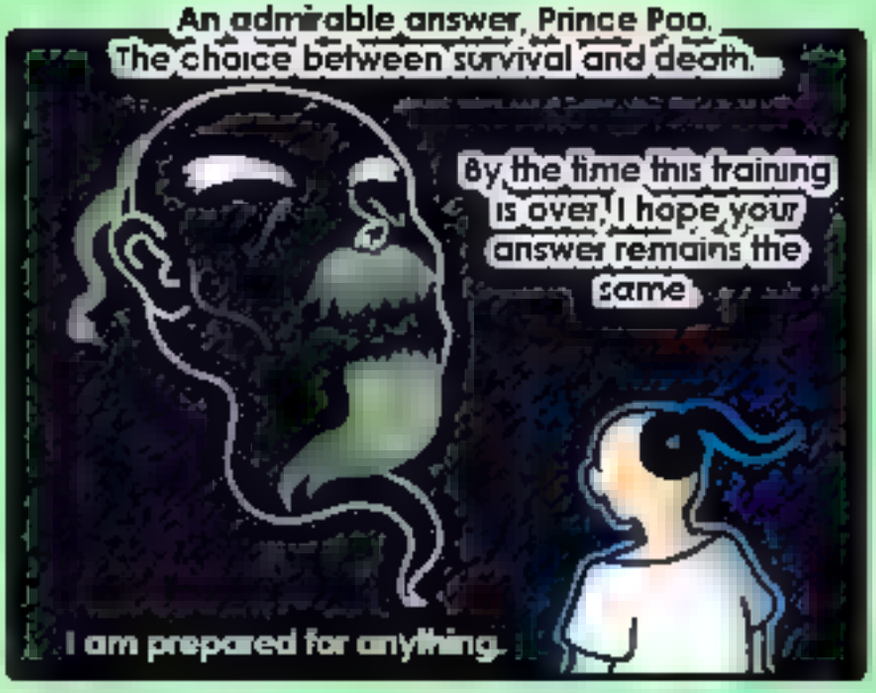
oooooooohhhmmmmmm

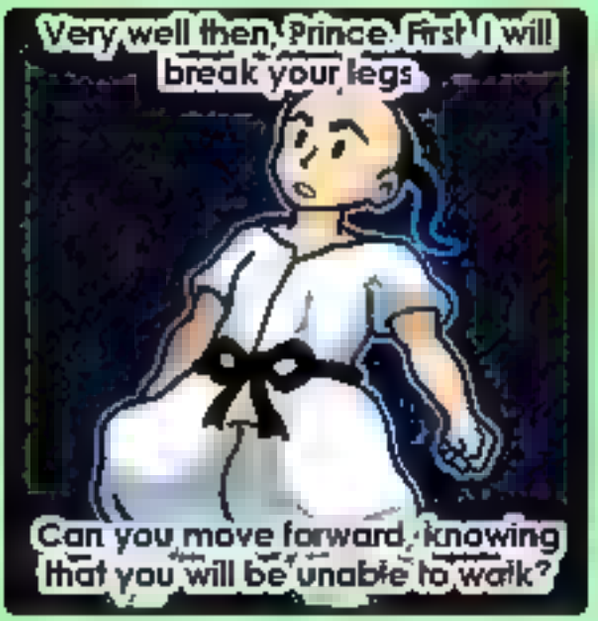
Prince Poo
You, one of the sons of Dalaam have come far in your training.

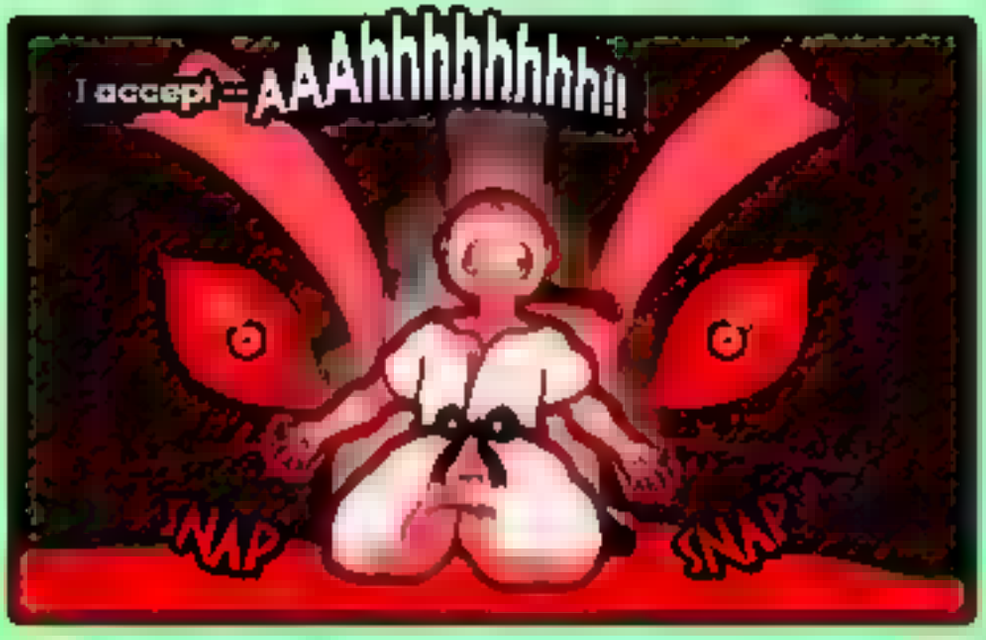
Arise and face me
I am the spirit of the ancient lineage. It is I who is responsible for the years of training and hardship you had to endure
The writings by which your Master raised you were for this day


Prince Poo
Amidst nothingness this place will be where you are buried
In order to to complete your training first you must die

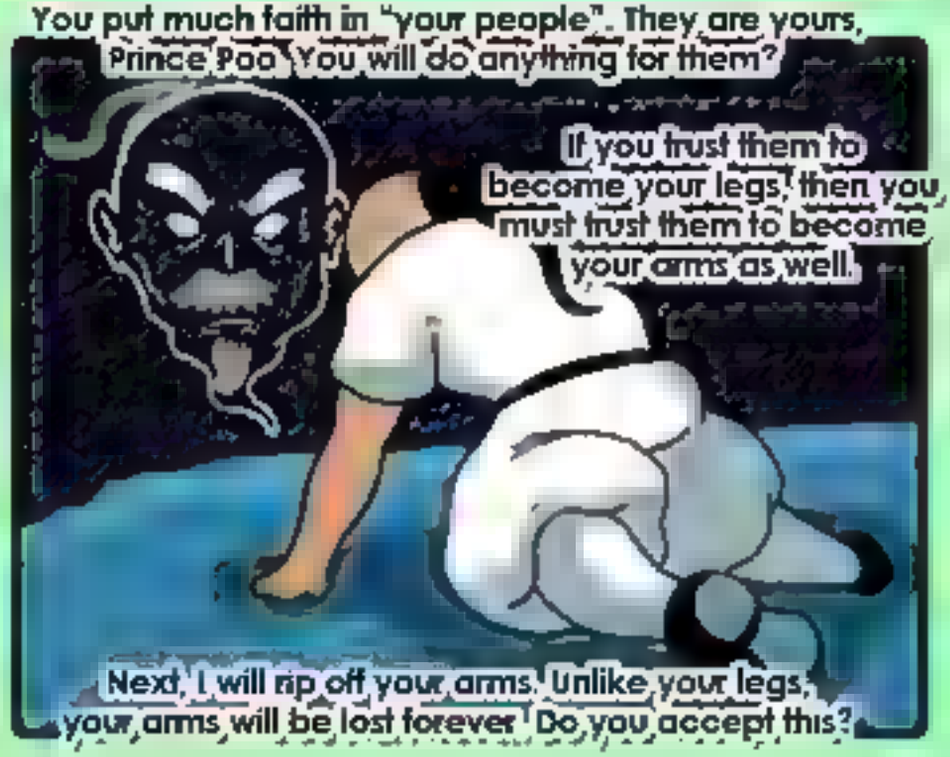

I cannot accept death, unless it is to protect Dalaam. The people are relying on me to take the throne as Emperor one day. No matter what, I must live on for my people.
Whatever this training requires of me, I will face it head on. I will not lose to my weaknesses.


An admirable answer, Prince Poo. The choice between survival and death.
By the time this training is over, I hope your answer remains the same.
I am prepared for anything.

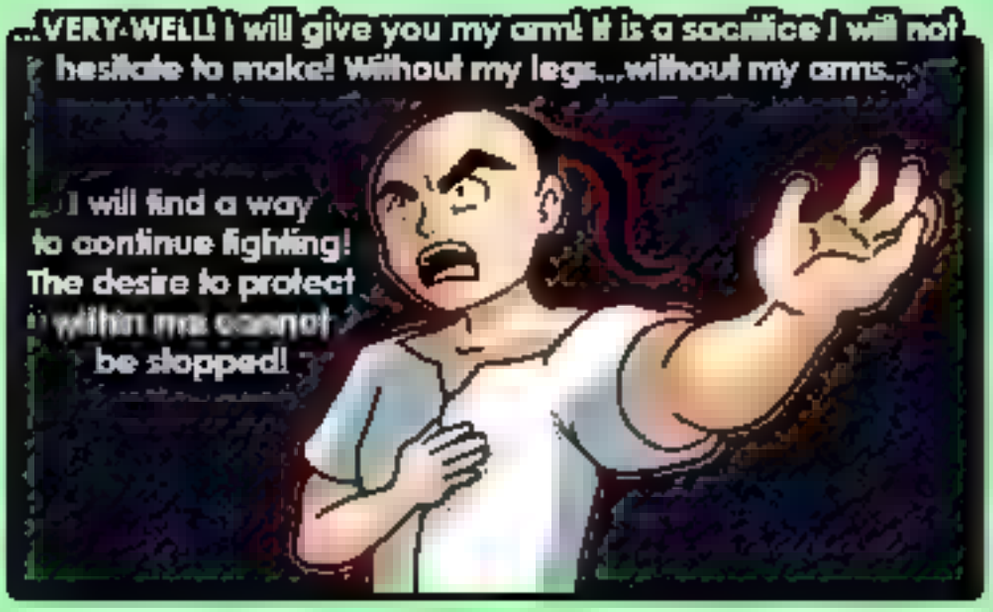

Very well then, Prince. First I will break your legs.
Can you move forward, knowing that you will be unable to walk?


I accept -- AAAhhhhhhhh!!
SNAP
SNAP

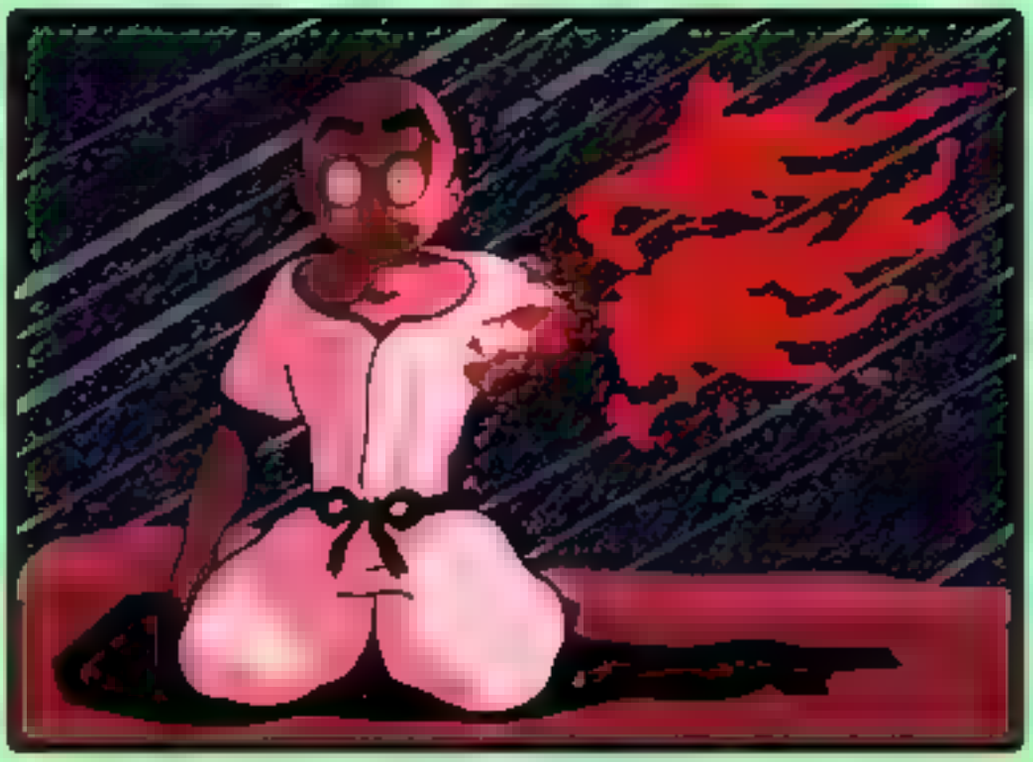
Without the use of your legs, you can do nothing but simply kneel before even commoners.
I... I am but a servant to my people. M...My legs... I-I do not need them to protect...


You put much faith in "your people". They are yours, Prince Poo. You will do anything for them?
If you trust them to become your legs, then you must trust them to become your arms as well.
Next, I will rip off your arms. Unlike your legs, your arms will be lost forever. Do you accept this?

I-I'll lose them forever...
B-But there is no other choice.
T-The body is merely...


...VERY WELL! I will give you my arm! It is a sacrifice I will not hesitate to make! Without my legs...without my arms...
I will find a way to continue fighting! The desire to protect within me cannot be stopped!

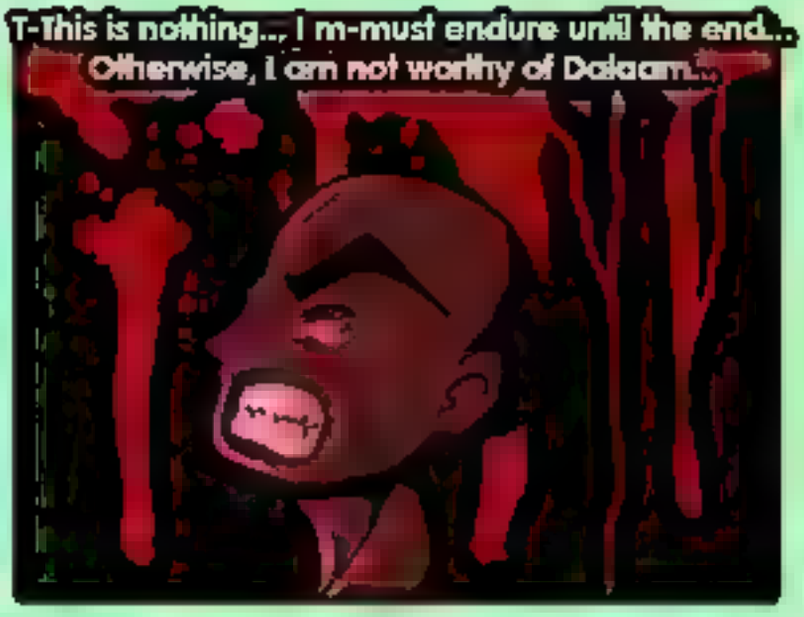
The body is merely a shield waiting to be broken.
As you wish. I will break you.

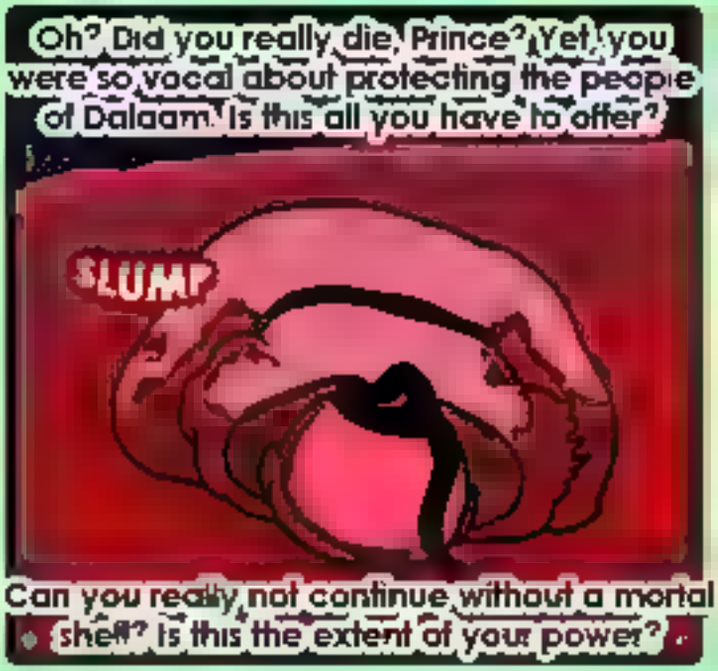


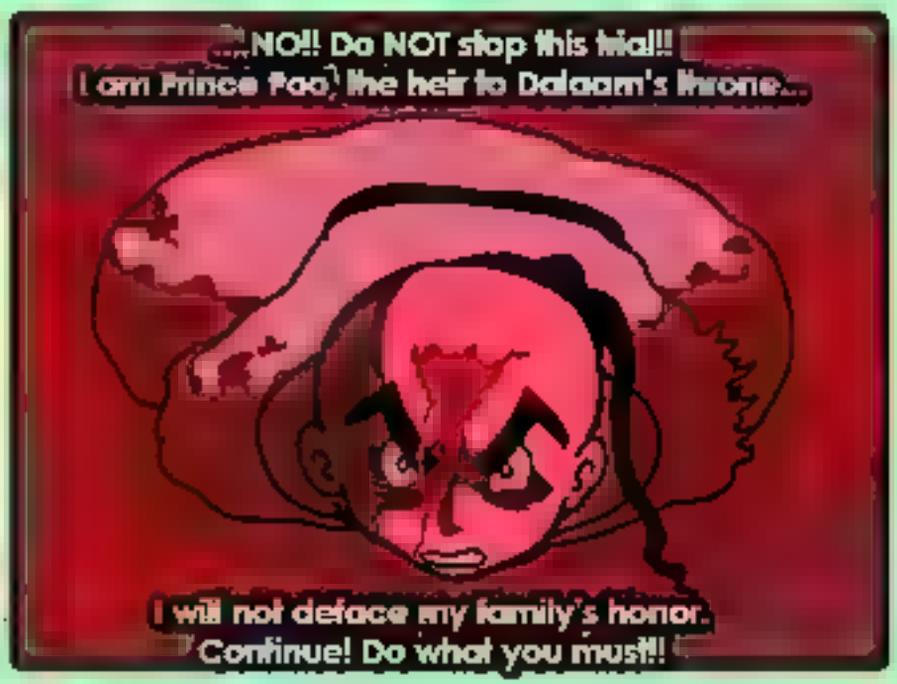
M...My arm...
M-My arm is g-gone...
S-So much blood...
I-I can't stop the bleeding...
My arm is r-really gone...

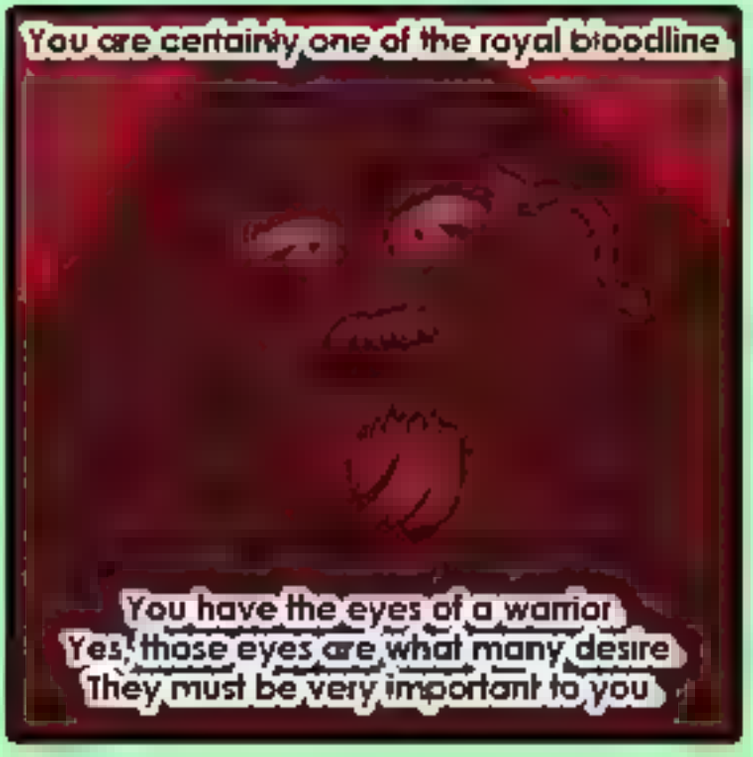
Prince Poo! I am not finished! There is still one arm left!
A...Ah...

...T-Take it... H-Hurry up...and take it...


T-This is nothing... I m-must endure until the end...
Otherwise, I am not worthy of Dalaam...

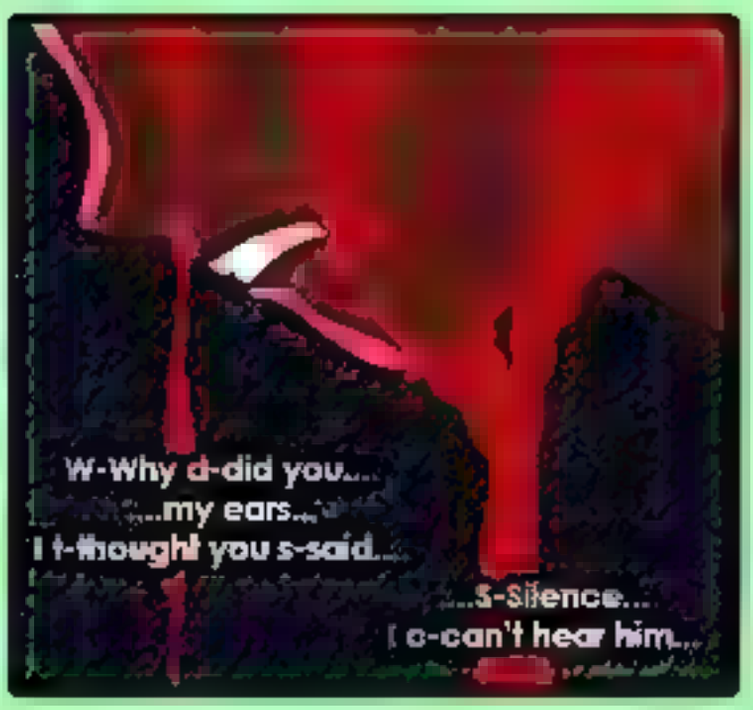

Oh? Did you really die, Prince? Yet, you were so vocal about protecting the people of Dalaam. Is this all you have to offer?
SLUMP
Can you really not continue without a mortal shell? Is this the extent of your power?


...NO!! Do NOT stop this trial!!
I am Prince Pao, the heir to Dalaam's throne...
I will not deface my family's honor.
Continue! Do what you must!!


You are certainly one of the royal bloodline
You have the eyes of a warrior
Yes, those eyes are what many desire
They must be very important to you

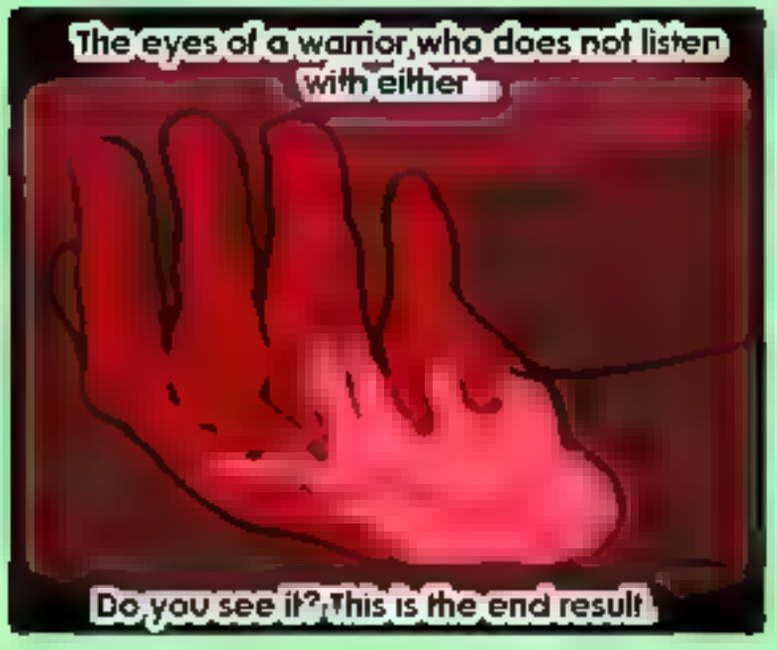
M-My eyes... You're planning to take my eyes...
T-Then, do it... Stop talking and do it...

A....AAHHHHH!


W-Why d-did you....
....my ears...
I t-thought you s-said....
....S-Silence....
I c-can't hear him...

The words that now float before you are my voice.
Prince Poo...at what point did I say I would take your eyes?
You do not listen, so I took something that you would not miss.

The ears of a ruler who is deaf to his people are of no importance, are they not?
The heart
the mind
There are many ways to "listen"


The eyes of a warrior, who does not listen with either
Do you see it? This is the end result

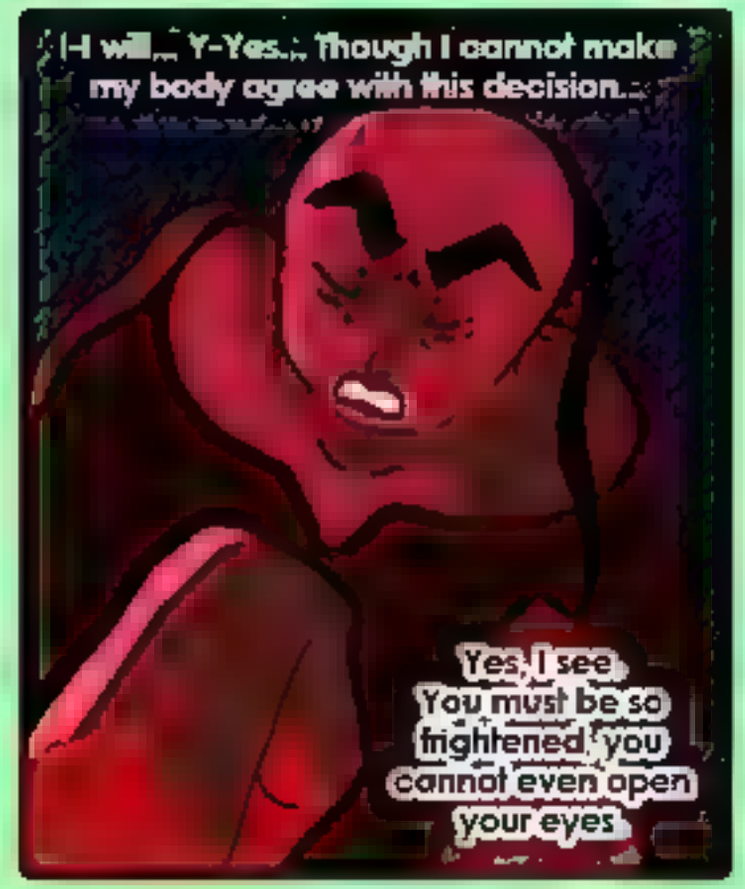
The loss of life... The loss of limb... Prince Poo
this will become your destiny.

As you attempt to rise again, what goes through your mind? By now, you must barely be able to speak

Out of respect for you, I will wait. You need not say a word. Come, rise and we will continue

By now, you must be exhausted. So, I will make this brief

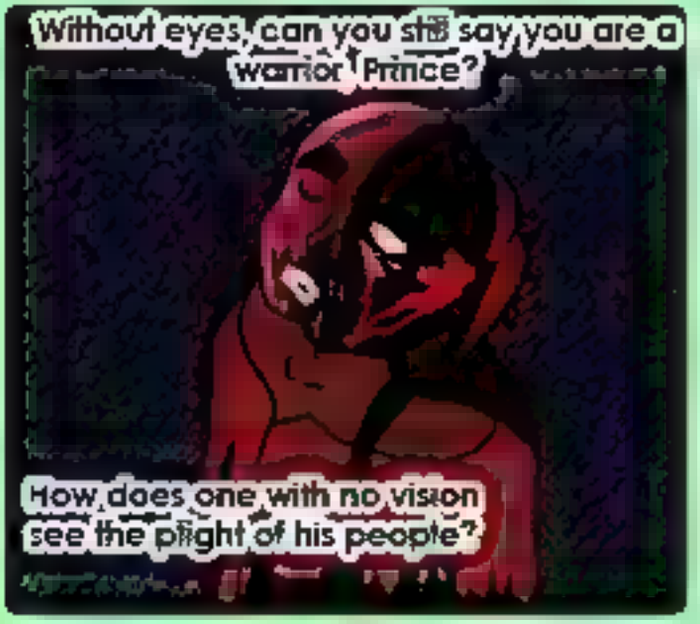
Prince Poo...
Give me your eyes.
Will you accept the loss of your sight?

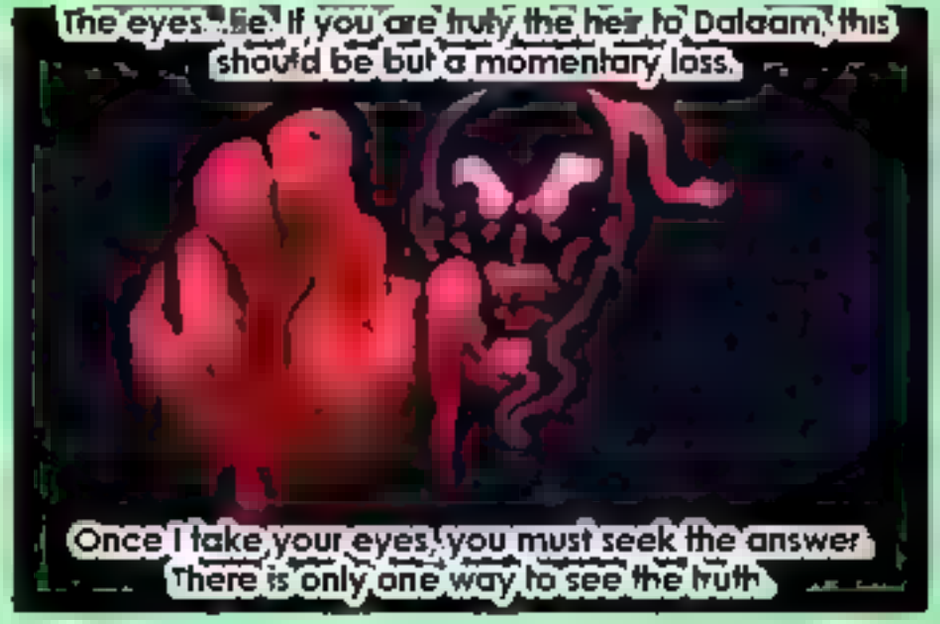

I-I will... Y-Yes... Though I cannot make my body agree with this decision...
Yes, I see. You must be so frightened, you cannot even open your eyes

Fear not, Prince. I will help you. Be still for a moment.
T-That's... Y-You're going...to....

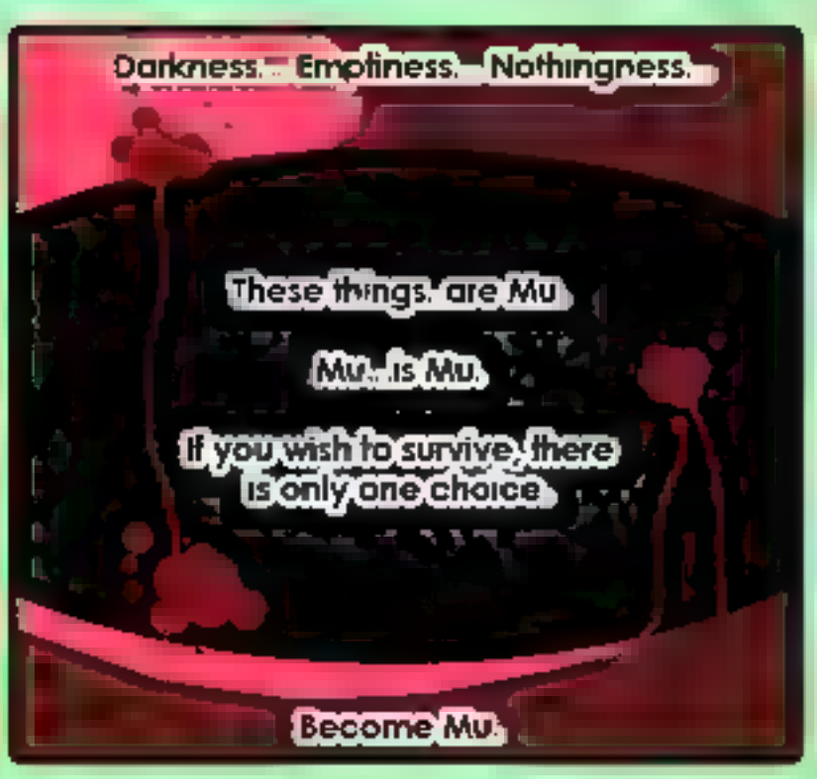
I-I'm yelling, yet..., I hear nothing...
I'm yelling as loud as I can...
...why can't I hear my voice...

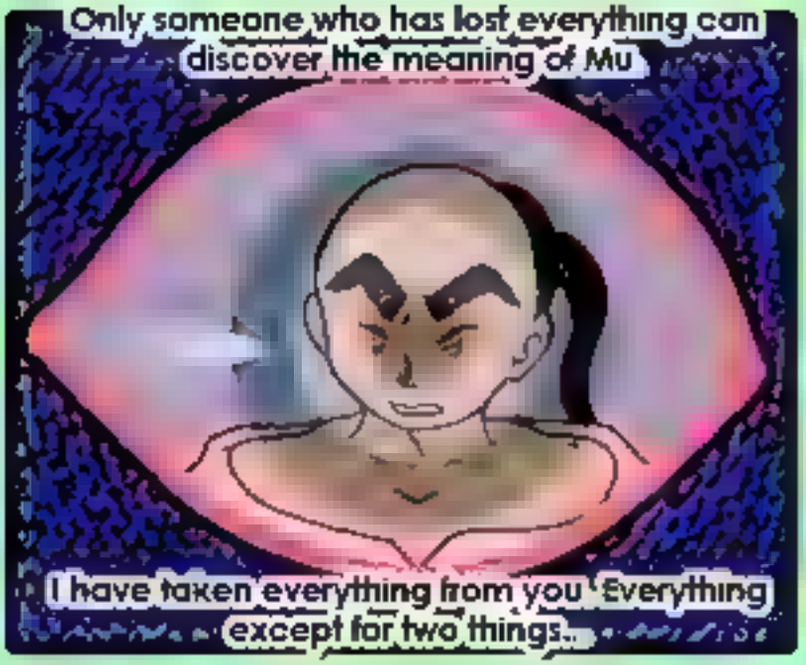
At this point, I'll have nothing left... It hurts so much...
H...How much more...will I lose...


Without eyes, can you still say you are a warrior Prince?
How does one with no vision see the plight of his people?


The eyes...lie. If you are truly the heir to Dalaam, this should be but a momentary loss.
Once I take your eyes, you must seek the answer. There is only one way to see the truth.

I invite you to eternal darkness!
If you do not wish to never again see the light then awaken the mind's eye. See what lies before you.

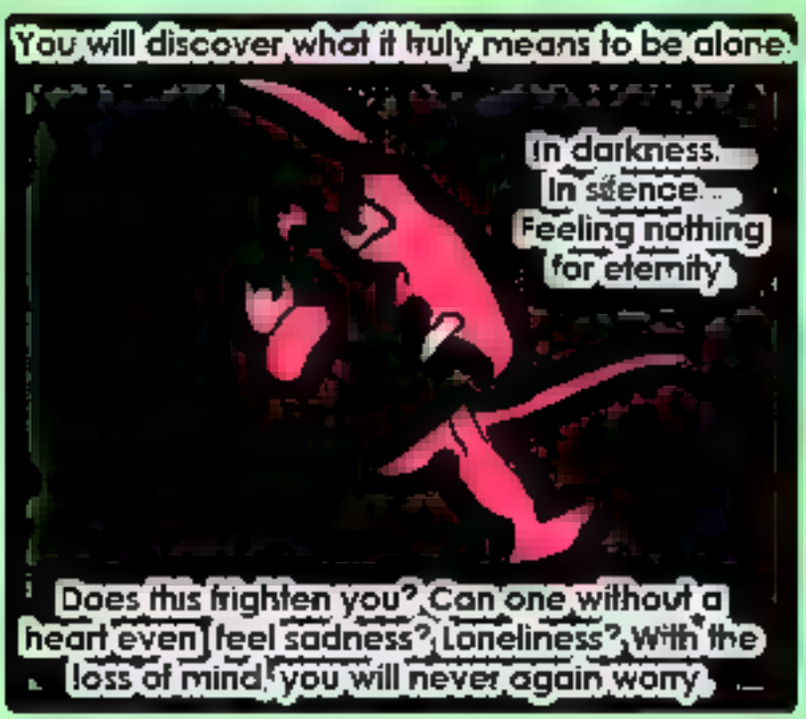

Darkness... Emptiness... Nothingness.
These things are Mu.
Mu...is Mu.
If you wish to survive, there is only one choice.
Become Mu.

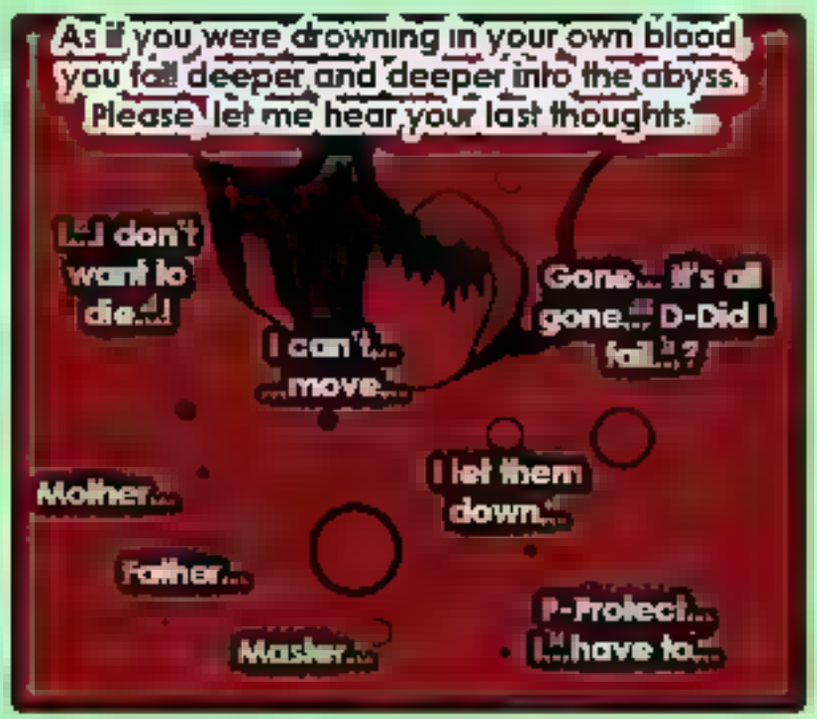

Only someone who has lost everything can discover the meaning of Mu
I have taken everything from you. Everything except for two things...

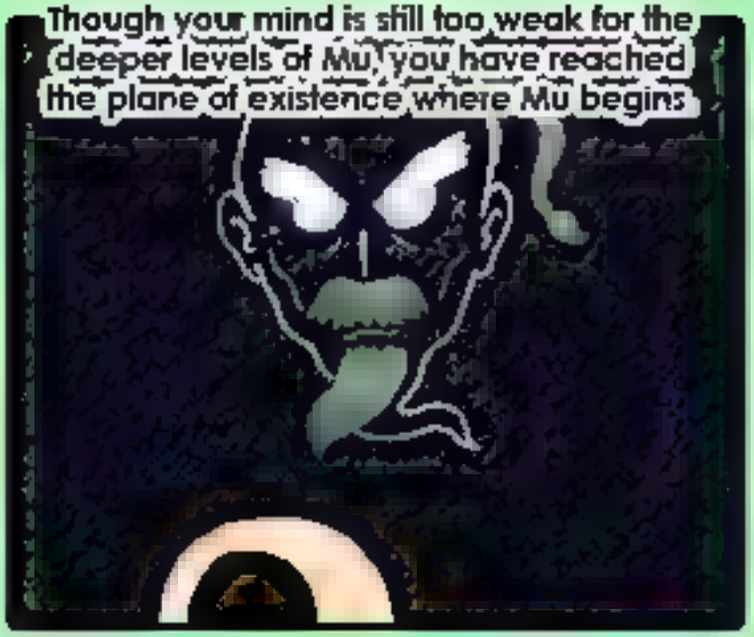
Your heart, Prince Poo, was taken long ago. Ever since you faced the pain of loss you have thrown your heart aside
Without a heart, your mind has become very powerful. Yes. Yes, I will take your mind.

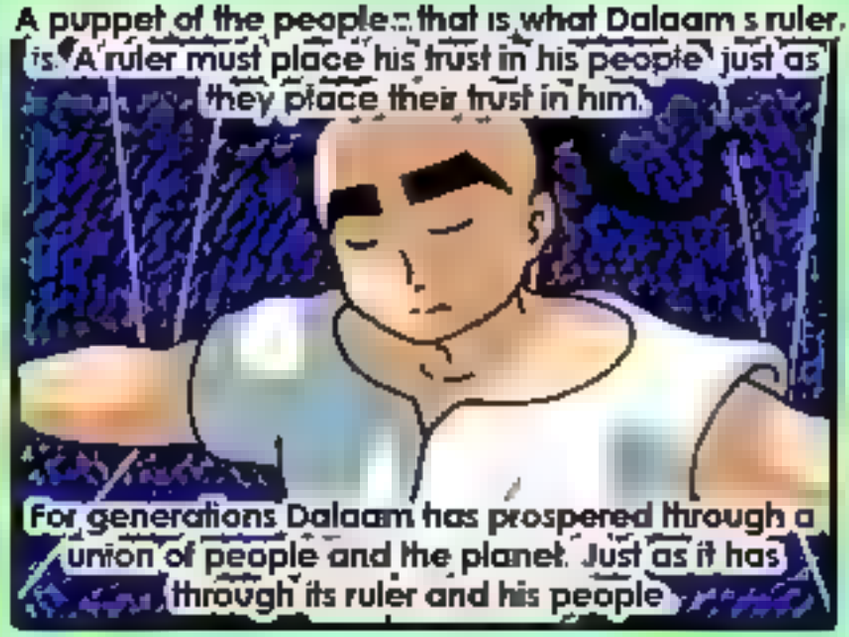
Your mind, which has become strong from the desire to push forward and overcome your past
Who you once were
Who you are now

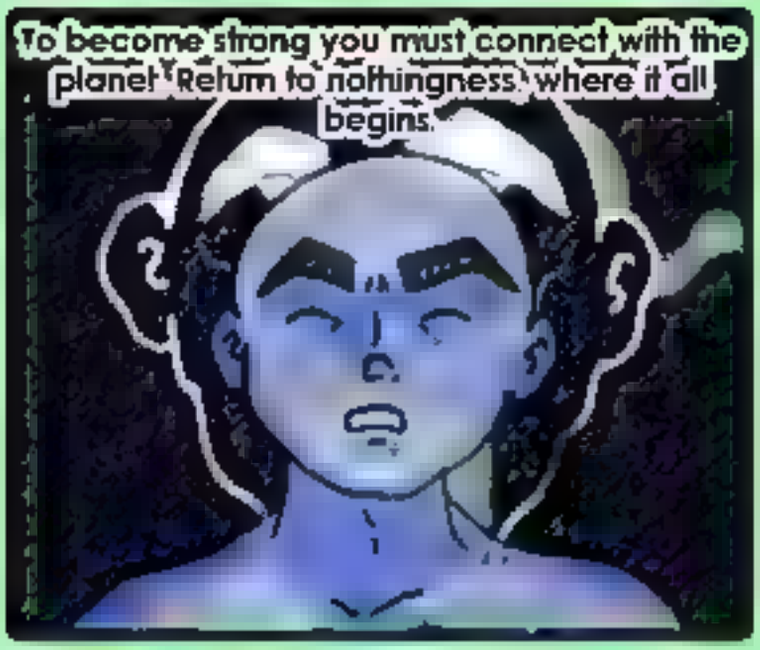
Shedding your weaknesses, closing off your heart in order to become stronger... You are well prepared for today
Yet, once I take your mind, all will be lost. Because you cannot remember how to "feel."

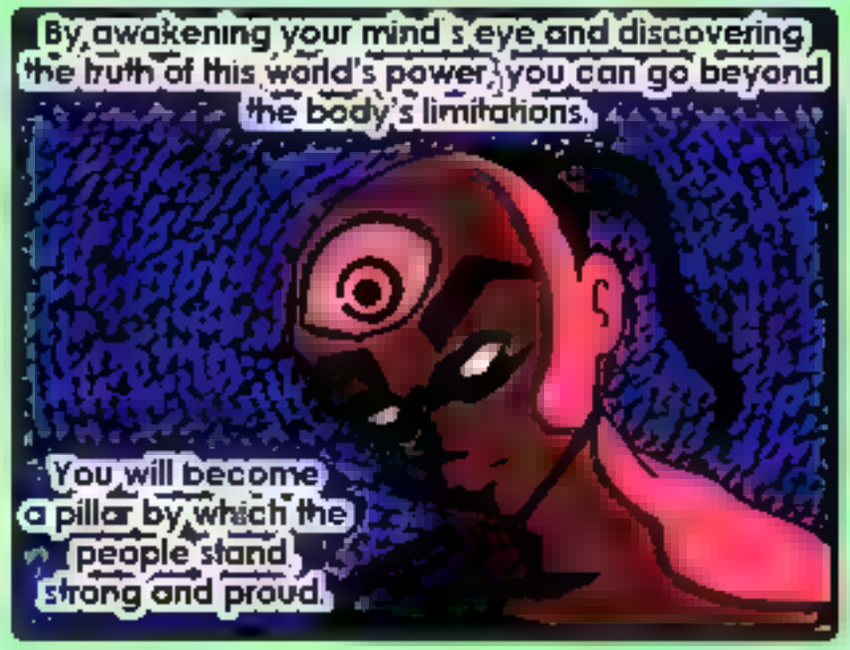

You will discover what it truly means to be alone.
In darkness. In silence... Feeling nothing for eternity.
Does this frighten you? Can one without a heart even feel sadness? Loneliness? With the loss of mind, you will never again worry.


As if you were drowning in your own blood, you fall deeper and deeper into the abyss. Please, let me hear your last thoughts.
I... I don't want to die...!
I can't... ...move...
Gone... It's all gone... D-Did I fail...?
I let them down...
Mother...
Father...
Master...
P-Protect... I... have to...

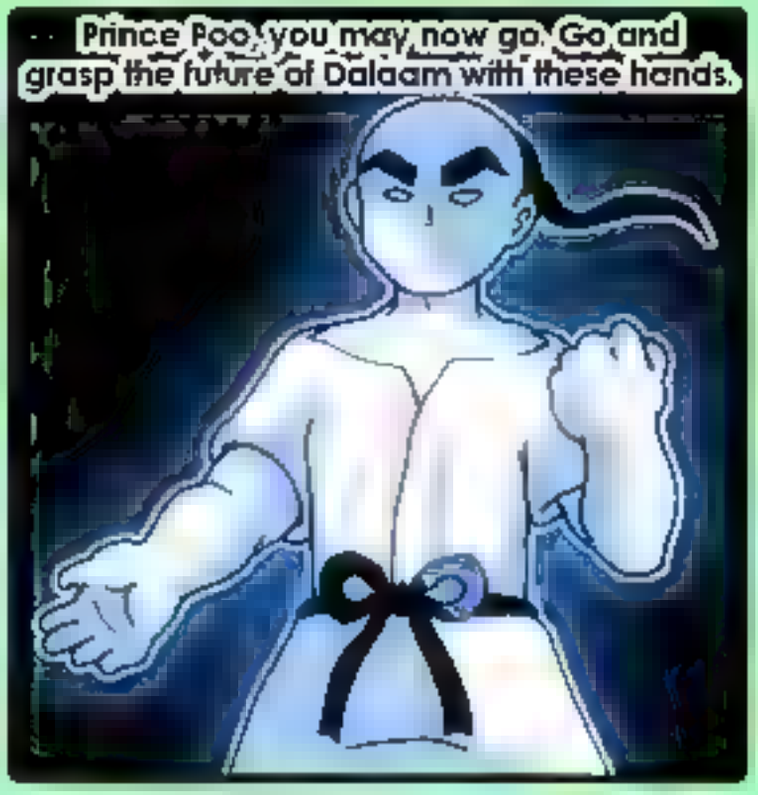

Though your mind is still too weak for the deeper levels of Mu, you have reached the plane of existence where Mu begins.


A puppet of the people... that is what Dalaam's ruler is. A ruler must place his trust in his people just as they place their trust in him.
For generations Dalaam has prospered through a union of people and the planet. Just as it has through its ruler and his people.


To become strong you must connect with the planet. Return to nothingness, where it all begins.


By awakening your mind's eye and discovering the truth of this world's power, you can go beyond the body's limitations.
You will become a pillar by which the people stand strong and proud.

Your true strength has begun to emerge. By possessing your mind, I have awoken your inner self.
This is the power of Mu. The power we possess.


Prince Poo, you may now go. Go and grasp the future of Dalaam with these hands.

W ..Where am I...? Is this...my arm? ...All of the pain in my body is gone, though my head is a little dizzy ..

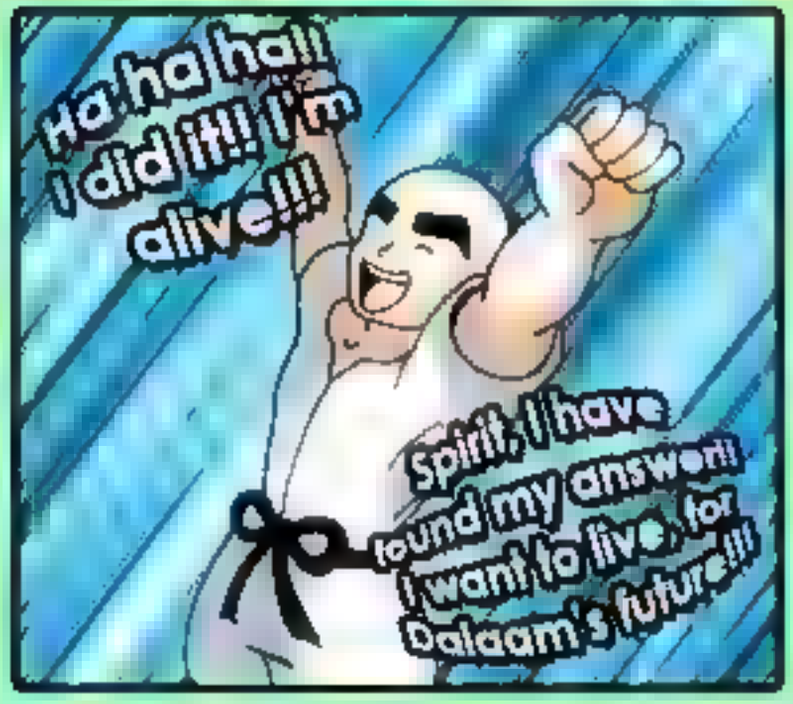
The world begins with Mu and ends with Mu...

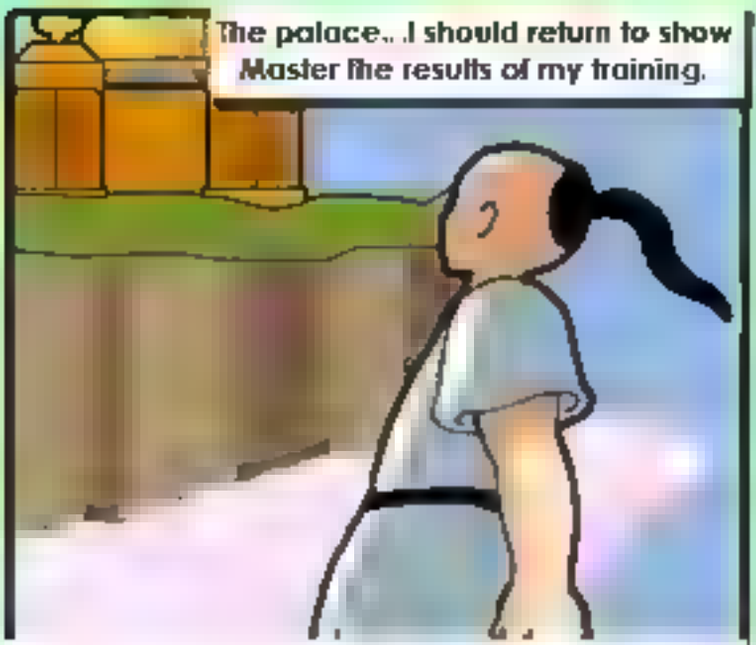
Spirit, I think I am beginning to understand.

I have seen the me that exists within Mu...

Only within Mu, when we have nothing left,

can we find who we really are.





M. Master would have my head if he knew I just did that... Still, I can't believe I tapped into that much power just by jumping...
I had better stick to the ground for the time being.
P-Prince?! H-How did he get so far ahead of me already??
..Young Prince. That was certainly a flashy entrance.
M-My apologizes, Master! I did not mean to show off ..
What is it I have always taught you?
Honor and strength begin with humility!
Ho ho, very good. You have come a long way
Worry not, Prince. The power you now possess is very strong, but hard to grasp.
You will learn to control it all in time.
For now, please, rise and let me see your face.
The teachings from the holy writings have been completed. You have finished the required Mu training.
Prince Poo.., I am very proud of you. From this day forward, I am no longer your master

Prince Poo: Have you ever wondered why we the people of Dalaam, hold so much knowledge of the world?
Eternity...
It shows us messages, allowing us to protect the planet in its place.
Eternity has revealed that a devil awaits beyond the darkness preparing to use its evil power to consume this planet
As we speak, the planet has already begun to feel the effects of the devil's influence
This evil entity has created an army, and even seized control of darkness itself in preparation for the greatest struggle of all time.
The only people who can hope to win against this foe are three boys and a girl
The one named Ness is the leader of the four
It was his spirit that you encountered during your training.
As of now, three of the four have begun to fight against the evil that invades this world
Prince Poo, you are the last of the four
With your training completed, you are now ready to combat the evil power
The people of this planet are relying on you.
Together, you will become the planet's guardians, just as our people were in the past
For all beings... For the earth herself
You will become our pillar of support

The training you have endured, the answer you found within Mu... Your mind shall now awaken.
In darkness, your desire to protect prevailed. Take this, and the power that comes with it. The power to transcend the body.
M...My mind.. My body... So much power is coming out!
I see... So this is the result of reaching Mu.
Teleportation... the power to transform, mastery of PSI... I understand it all...!
Transforming puts both the body and mind at great risk.
Only by reaching Mu can you find your inner self. Only then can you remain "you"
Thank you. Thank you... for everything
Master... To me, you will always be my Master
Though I was not easy to deal with, you still took care of me and trained me for this day...
...!
I promise... I will return stronger
Just wait Master! I'll be back soon!
PSI Teleport
P-Prince... He's really gone.
Bah! Getting sentimental at my age... To think, I would become such an old fool. Prince Poo... I will be praying for your safety

I am...
I am... Ness...
My name is...
...Ness! Ness!! Are you okay?? Snap out of it!!
Ah... Paula? How did we get here..?
You started spacing out, then you were wandering around aimlessly...
Are you sure you're alright?
Y-Yeah... I'm okay now.
I just had... a strange dream.
KOOOOSH
SLAM!!
A-At least... I think it was a dream...

I- It's him...! He's the one I saw in my "dream"... By the look on his face he doesn't seem too happy to see me, though.
..Ah... W- What's going on?
Ness. I have traveled far to find you.
It is an honor to meet you.
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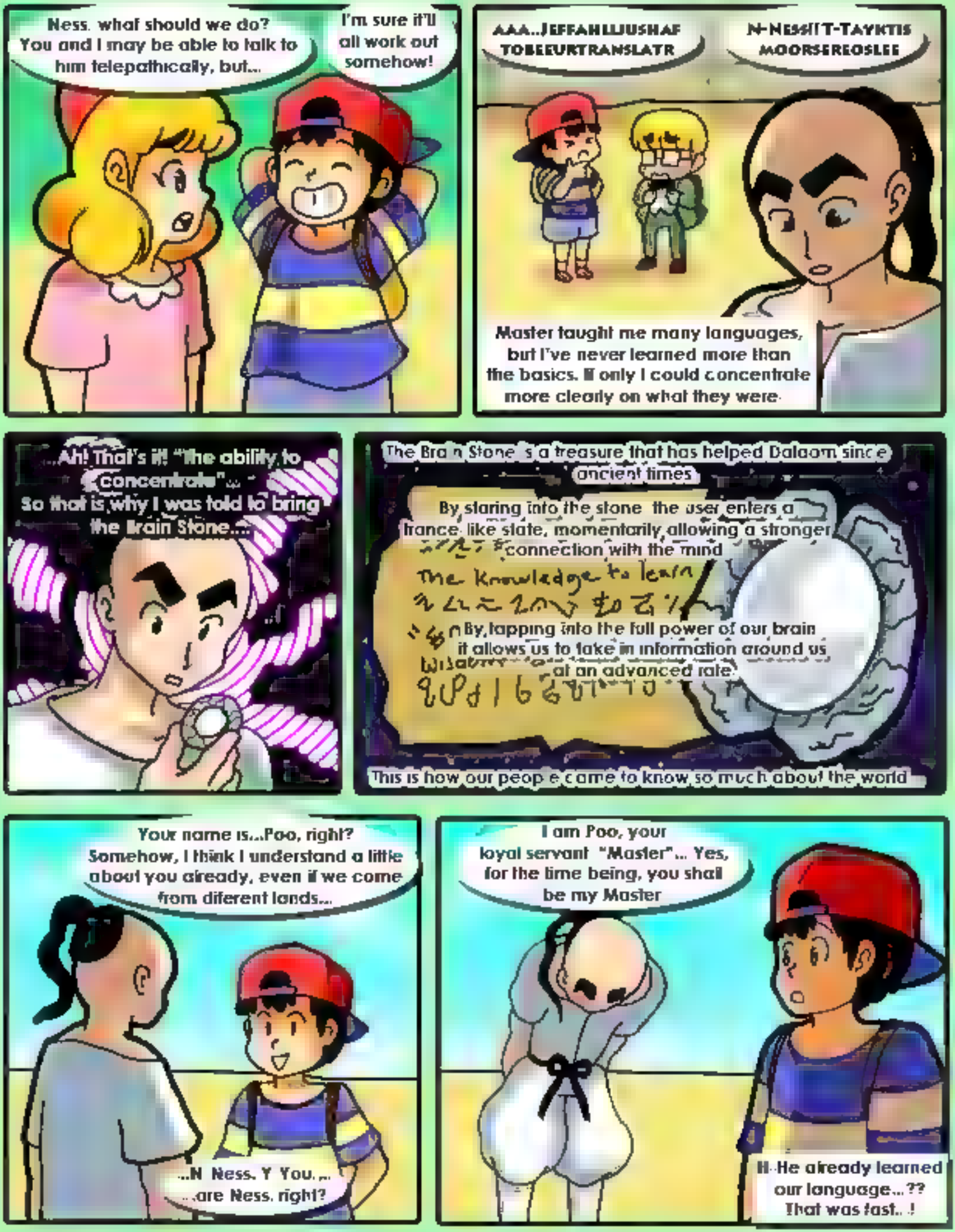
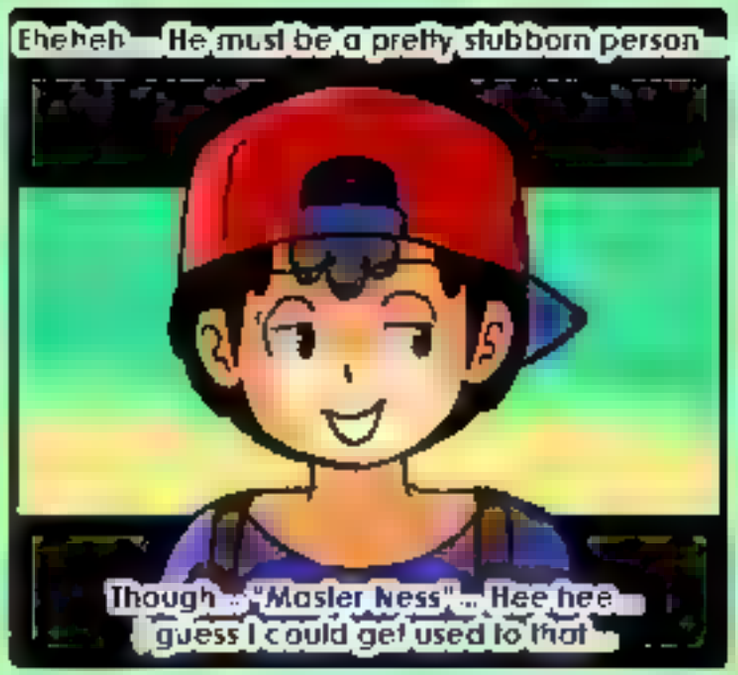
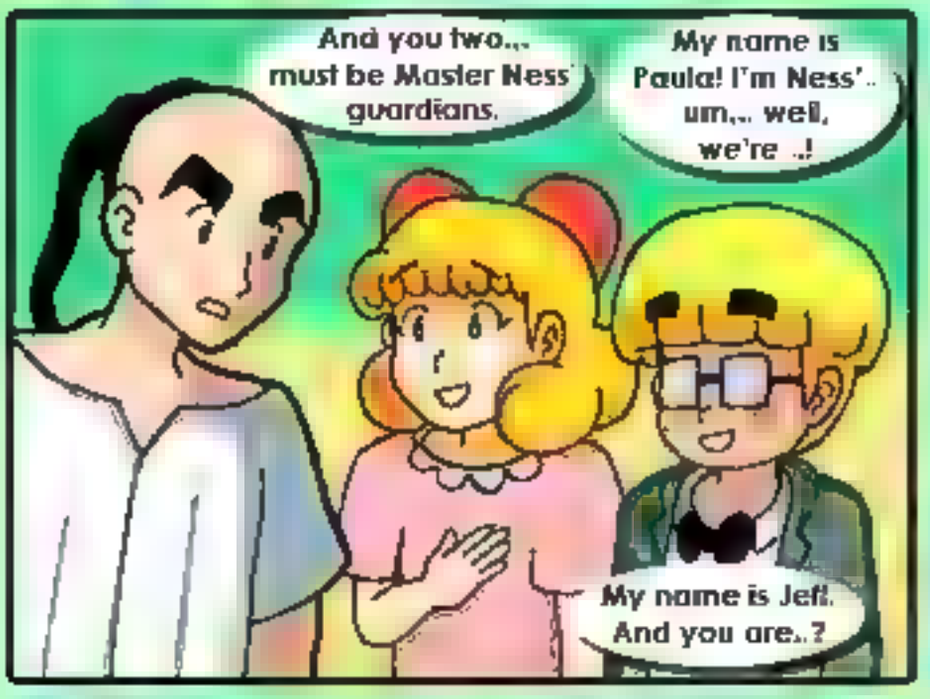
IEHAFNODEA IEVNVRHRDTBFR
ICUDHEERHUM EEENIHNMEE DRIM
W- What language is this...?

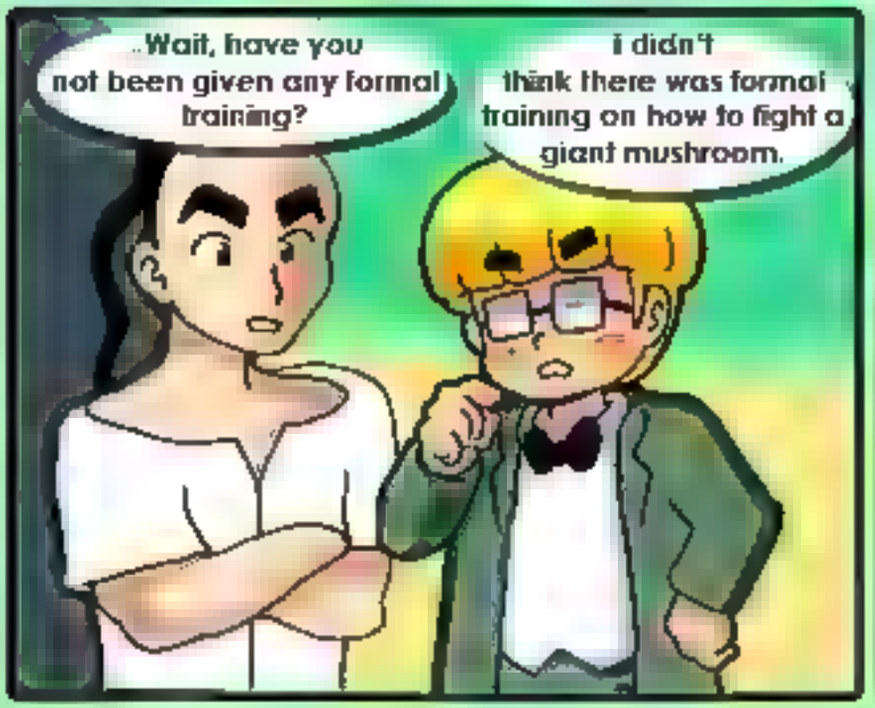

Ness, what should we do? You and I may be able to talk to him telepathically, but...
I'm sure it'll all work out somehow!
AAA..JEFFAHLLIUSHAF TOBEEURTRANSLATR
N-NESSIT-TAYKTIS MOORSEREOSLEE
Master taught me many languages, but I've never learned more than the basics. If only I could concentrate more clearly on what they were.
...Ah! That's it! "the ability to concentrate"... So that is why I was told to bring the Brain Stone....
The Brain Stone is a treasure that has helped Dalaam since ancient times
By staring into the stone the user enters a trance-like state, momentarily allowing a stronger connection with the mind
The knowledge to learn
By tapping into the full power of our brain it allows us to take in information around us at an advanced rate.
This is how our people came to know so much about the world
Your name is...Poo, right? Somehow, I think I understand a little about you already, even if we come from diferent lands...
...N Ness. Y You... ...are Ness, right?
I am Poo, your loyal servant "Master"... Yes, for the time being, you shall be my Master
H-He already learned our language...?? That was fast..!

Hey, no need to be so formal! You can just call me Ness, okay?
Very well... Master Ness it is.


Ehehheh... He must be a pretty stubborn person
Though... "Master Ness"... Hee hee... guess I could get used to that

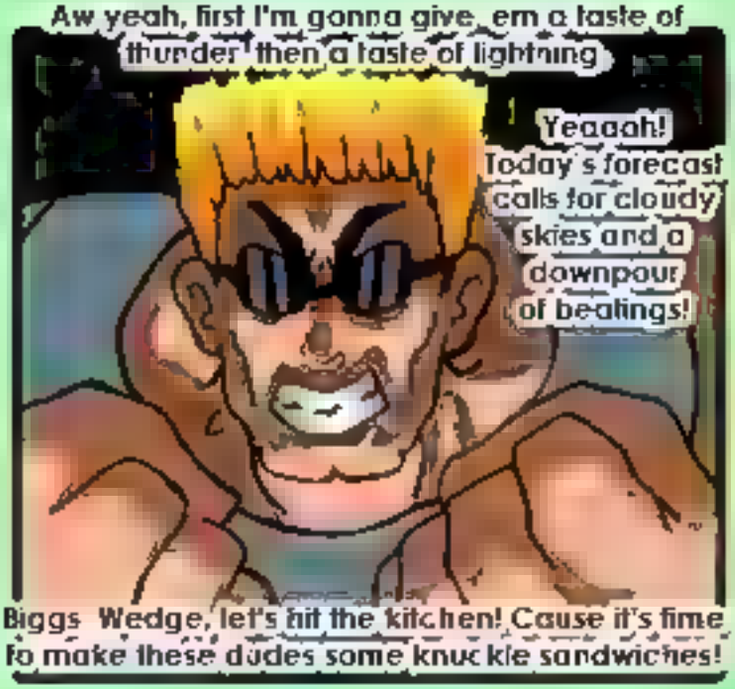

And you two... must be Master Ness' guardians.
My name is Paula! I'm Ness'... um,... well, we're ..!
My name is Jeff. And you are..?

My name is Poo, the prince of Dalaam.
a prince?!
I guess that explains why you had to teleport here... It's very rare for anyone to go to or from Dalaam.
That is correct. Dalaam has always remained a spiritual place, so much of our society has been preserved as is.
So you only came here to guard Ness?
Yes, that is what I have been training for. Have you not been doing the same?


..Wait, have you not been given any formal training?
I didn't think there was formal training on how to fight a giant mushroom.

I see. There is much work to be done, then.

I hate...ponies. I hate all things that remind me of ponies
Your head. Yes... Your head is a "pony head" ... It looks like a pony
I want to punch...ponies. I want to punch your.. hey, how did you get over there so fast pony man?
Get out of my sight.
I do not have time for this foolishness.
Ho ho, you've done it now I'll show you...
Enjoy your last moments of happiness while I whip up your doom, nerdlinger!
Yeaaaah! It's finished! How do ya like them apples??
Wow, that's really impressive!
Make a dolphin next!!
CLAP, CLAP, CLAP,
Huahuahua! Here it comes!!
Your doom is happening as we speak!!
SMAAAAASH!
Yeah, dude, I totally just smashed your dino! People get mad over stuff like that, right?? C'mon, LET'S DO THIS THING!!
Actually, I'm not really bothered by it.
NEEEEEEEEERD!!!!!!
I wonder if there are dolphins around here.
How did I get roped into this...?


Aw yeah, first I'm gonna give 'em a taste of thunder then a taste of lightning
Yeaaah! Today's forecast calls for cloudy skies and a downpour of beatings!
Biggs Wedge, let's hit the kitchen! Cause it's time to make these dudes some knuckle sandwiches!

ROOOOCK N' ROOOOOLL!!!!
YEAAAAAH!!! LET'S DO THIS!!
IT'S GO TIME, CHUBS!!!
ALL ABOARD THE DOOM TRAIN!!
CHOO CHOOOOO!!!
NEXT STOP: PAINSVILLE!!
POPULATION... YOUR FAAAAAACE!!!

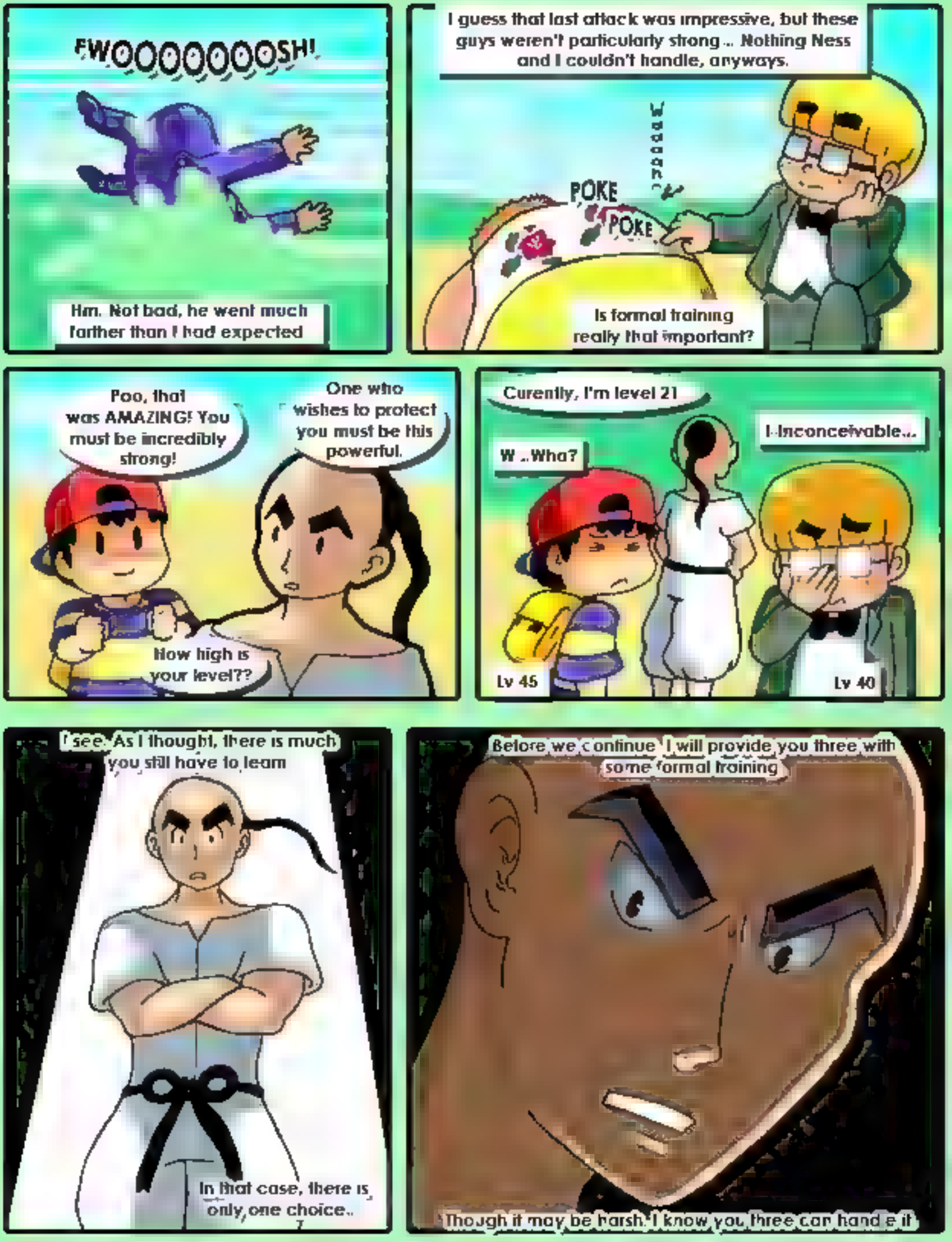
CRACK!
U- Ugghh... D- Dude...

Can't you kids read the signs? NO PLAYING IN THE SAND. NO ROUGH HOUSING.
Sorry, officer But that wasn't

Cut the jokes, punk.
Look at my face. This is my "angry" face. It's also my "enjoying muffins" face.
Last I looked there weren't any muffins around here.

You're guilty Look your face is right here. It's the ultimate proof
THAT LOOKS NOTHING LIKE ME!!!!

There's no way I'm going to let some punk kids ruin my beach
I'll take down anyone who dares to disobey the law.
Mine. Mine. This beach is mine.
All who resist must be taken down with extreme force!!
W-What's going on??
CRUNCH
W-Wh... Why did my body j-just make that noise...?
Master Ness, you mustn't let down your guard. He is our enemy
shake shake
W-Wow, he's really fast...
T-This kid did so much damage.... j-just from a single blow to my chest...
wheeze wheeze
H-He's attacking again... I can't recover in time...!
I will show no mercy to those who dare attack Master Ness. Begone!


FWOOOOOOOSH!
Hm. Not bad, he went much farther than I had expected
I guess that last attack was impressive, but these guys weren't particularly strong ... Nothing Ness and I couldn't handle, anyways.
POKE
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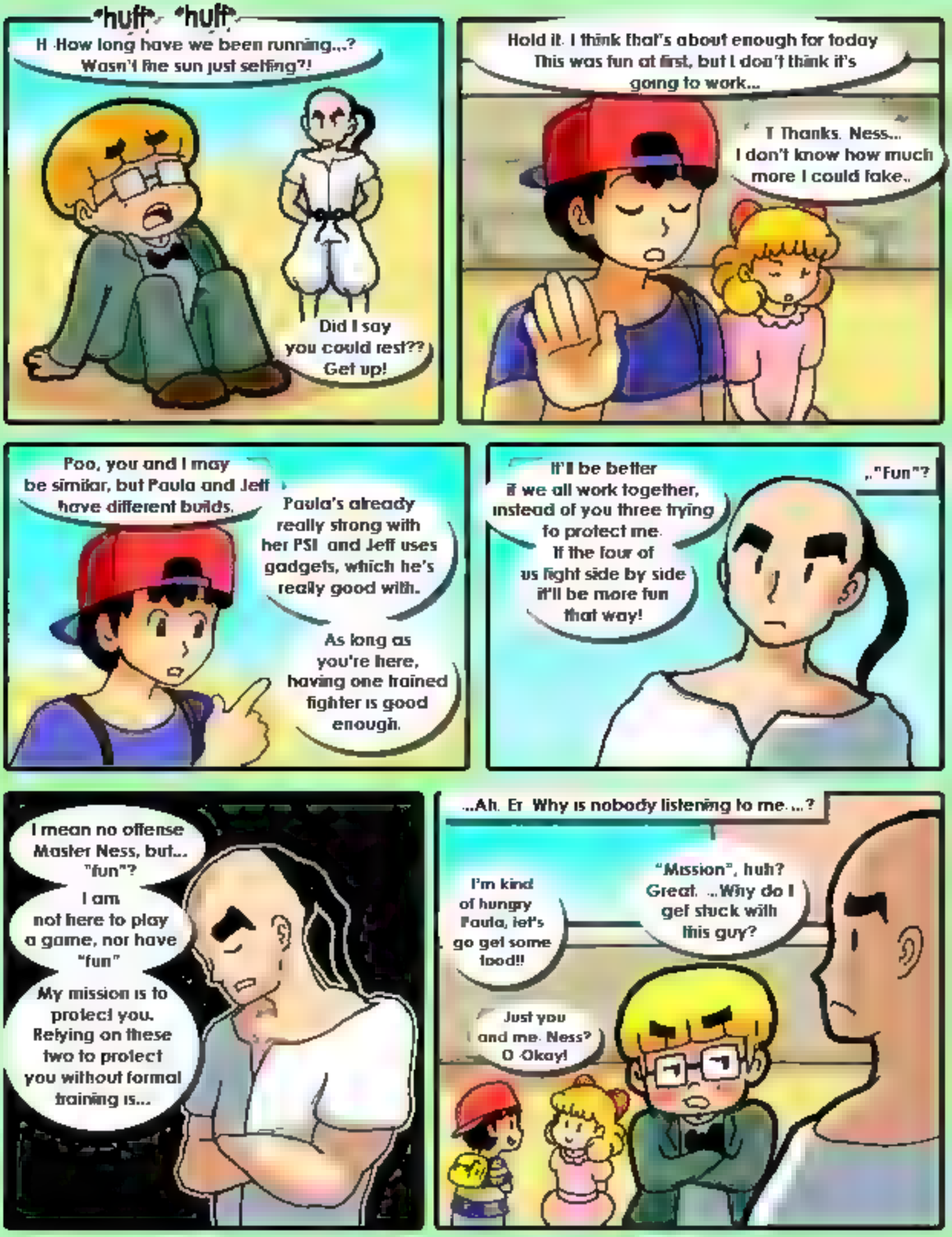
Is formal training really that important?
Poo, that was AMAZING! You must be incredibly strong!
One who wishes to protect you must be this powerful.
How high is your level??
Curently, I'm level 21
W ..Wha?
I-Inconceivable...
Lv 45
Lv 40
I see. As I thought, there is much you still have to learn
In that case, there is only one choice..
Before we continue I will provide you three with some formal training
Though it may be harsh, I know you three can handle it

We've never really had any kind of training before. Up until now we've just been going with the flow
We're already pretty strong, aren't we? I guess we could be stronger, though...
I think it sounds like fun!
Where do we begin?
First, I want you to show me your best punch.
Put as much weight behind it as you can.
EEYAAAAHHH!!!
HYAAAA!!
WHAT WAS THAT?! PAULA! YOU PUNCH LIKE A GIRL!!
JEFF!... YOU SOMEHOW PUNCH EVEN WORSE!!!
Eeeeyah!! HOW'S THAT?! Hyaaa!! "Punch like a girl", huh?!
I punch even worse than a girl.
I get the feeling I may have offended her ..

NO! Don't just stand on the plank! Find your inner balance!! FOCUS!!!
I-inner what.. ?
I c--can't stare at this plank any h--harder...!
Hey, this isn't so bad! I thought you said this would be harsh training?
That's because you are a natural at this, Master Ness.
I had better not push him too hard. The other two, however...
W Why do I have to meditate? I can't even use PSI...
TOO SLOW!! Are you even TRYING to dodge it???
Is this even necessary?! Most of our enemies don t even have arms!!
FIGHT!!!
Fight!!
Fight
wheeeeze *wheeze*


huff *huff*
H-How long have we been running...? Wasn't the sun just setting?!
Did I say you could rest?? Get up!
Hold it. I think that's about enough for today. This was fun at first, but I don't think it's going to work...
T-Thanks, Ness... I don't know how much more I could take..
Poo, you and I may be similar, but Paula and Jeff have different builds.
Paula's already really strong with her PSI and Jeff uses gadgets, which he's really good with.
As long as you're here, having one trained fighter is good enough.
It'll be better if we all work together, instead of you three trying to protect me. If the four of us fight side by side it'll be more fun that way!
.."Fun"?
I mean no offense Master Ness, but... "fun"?
I am not here to play a game, nor have "fun"
My mission is to protect you. Relying on these two to protect you without formal training is...
...Ah. Er. Why is nobody listening to me...?
I'm kind of hungry Paula, let's go get some food!!
"Mission", huh? Great. ...Why do I get stuck with this guy?
Just you and me, Ness? O-Okay!

I've never seen a restaurant like that before...
Let's see what they have!
RESTAURANT
'ello, you little man, you. W at are you needing?
Do you have any menus?
W'at? W'at is t'is? No, no. You cannot Only beautiful people can eat 'ere. You... You are not yet beautiful. I...will 'elp you.
I... I just want a hamburger...
NO! YOUR FACE.... I SEE IT! It is not a 'amburger face
Classy. Refined. A little gentleman. You will be beautiful
I feel like such a dweeb... Why did we need to dress up just to eat food? Ugh, I hope the others don't see this ..
Hee hee, I think it's cute! This feels a lot more like a date now...
I don't understand. Why are we following a strange mouse into an even stranger building?
For research... and entertainment
Mostly entertainment

T'is vision....
A green jacket, glasses, and .. and .. Yes! I see it!
You are one step away from being beautiful. Let us make... magic!
..What?
Ah. this man must be the local shaman
...As for you...
...I do not even know where to begin.
I would be honored if you shared your wisdom with me.
This restaurant is huge!
I'm really glad we were able to come here together ..
Um..you ..you look really nice!
Hee hee, thank you, Ness...
This is really exciting, I can feel my heart beating. ..
Um, so.. What do people talk about on dates like this?
I think...they talk about their day... Uh, so, how was yours?
Soooo exciting! We crashed on Summers, we helped a captain, then we met a new friend..
What about you, Ness??
Oh....well, we spent the day together, so...the same!
Ha ha ha, oh yeah...
I get it now, you led us here so I can spy on them, huh?
I'm counting on you, champ.
This training is strange, but I must endure, for Ness' sake!

"Braised Boa Over Minced Baby Leeks"...?
Kraken Soup, Armored Frog Legs...
Escargot Expression Passion Flower?!
Is this in another language??
W'at will you children be 'aving?
No steak
Do you have any steak?
...Hamburger?
No 'amburger
Huh? Why not..?
Tsk, we do not serve such trash on our menu.
T Trash?!
I will return later, you uncouth litle rascal. Make up your mind by then!
Y You...! Ness is MUCH more...couthy than you'll ever be!!
You better not come back!!
Y YEAH!! Hamburgers are WAY more awesome!!
...Uh oh. So much for juicy details, it looks like they're going to get themselves kicked out.
Hm.. What is that? In the far distance.. Focus... Yes, something is heading towards us...
Who...or what... is that?

WOOOOOOSH

Ding!
wobble
wobble

..Master Ness!!
Pictures taken instantaneously! Now smile and say "Fuzzy Pickles" so we can get this over with.
Why now??
Oh boy!

What's wrong, boy? Camera shy?
I will not let any harm befall Master Ness! Prepare yourself for battle!

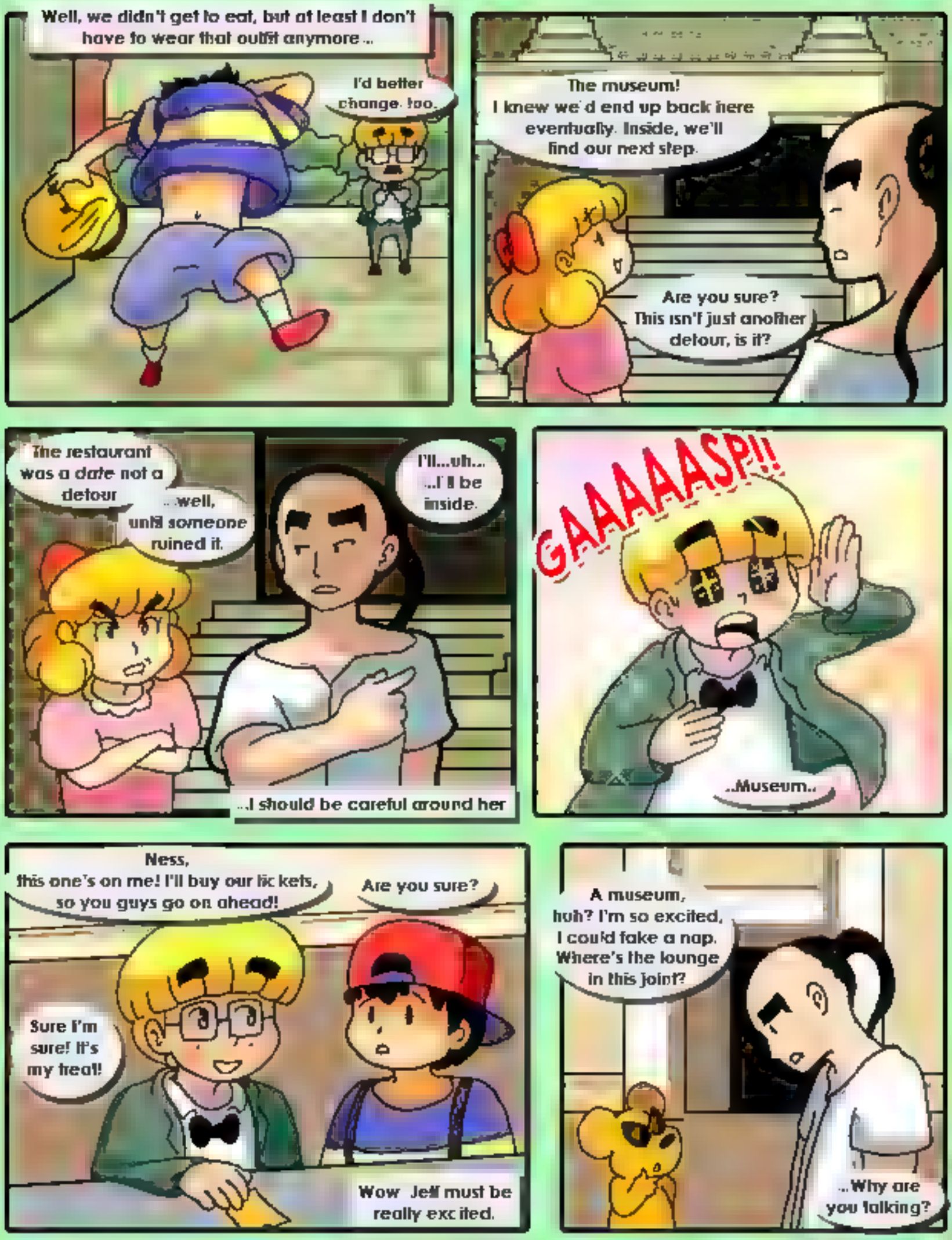
Even with a surprise attack, you will never win
KYAAAA!
Can you truly hope to defeat a photographic genius such as I?

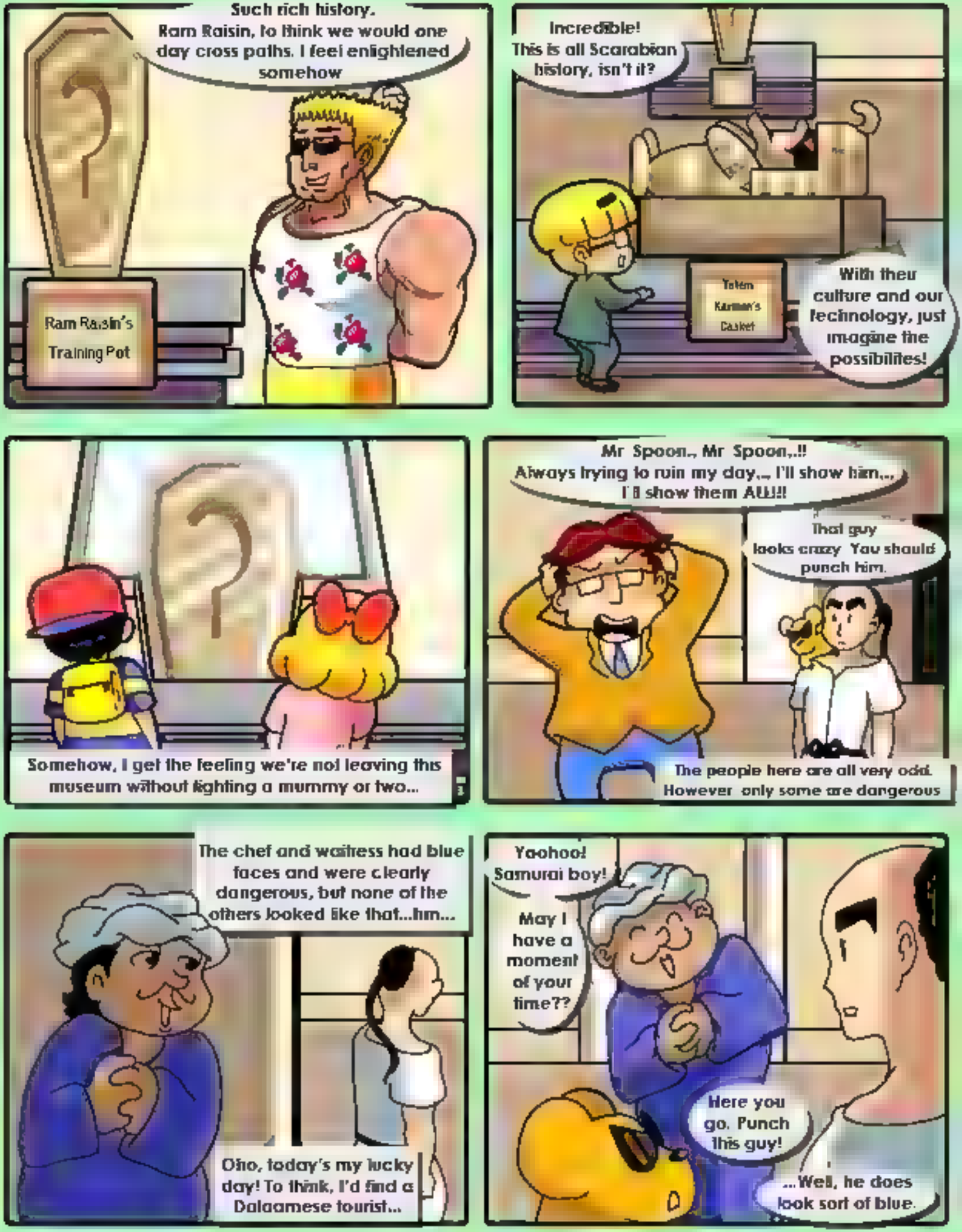
WEAK! Your attacks are too weak!
If you refuse to give up, then I will photograph it...
Your inevitable defeat!
It will bring back the fondest of memories...

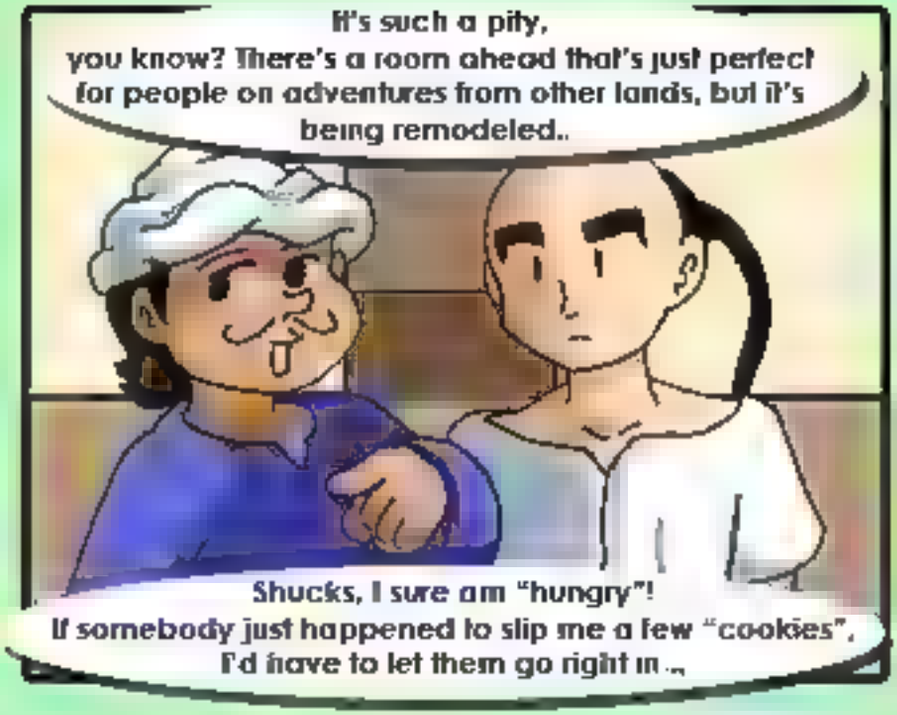
I'll never give up!
If one kick doesn't work, then...
I'll keep on kicking!
W-What's going on?! My kicks are going right through him ..!
N-No way ..
He's a ghost!! That explains everything!!
..Well, almost everything.
Master Ness, behind you!!
KICK
A table?
I did not order this.
If you are finished, allow me to show you how to properly serve someone.
SMAAAAASH!!
Impossible... He vanished in an instant..
To think, such a formidable enemy exists. The devil and his minions are not to be taken lightly..

He's here somewhere. I have to remain calm, otherwise he'll get the jump on me...
Ness, is it really okay to let Poo do this? We're going to get into a lot of trouble if this keeps up...
Heh heh, to be honest, I kind of want to see if he can hit that guy
Here he comes! All I have to do is wait for him to throw a punch and counter with
FLASH!!
W- What is this?! It's like my life is flashing before my eyes! This bright light... I have to block it, or who knows what may happen!!
No effect... Could this be the "Flash" power I've heard of? To be able to use such PSI.. This foe's power is unimaginable
Yes. this is it Better than expected.
Thanks for your cooperation, boy
...And just like that... he's gone He was truly a worthy opponent. Who is he and where did he come from? ...Hm...
...I think we're actually better off not knowing

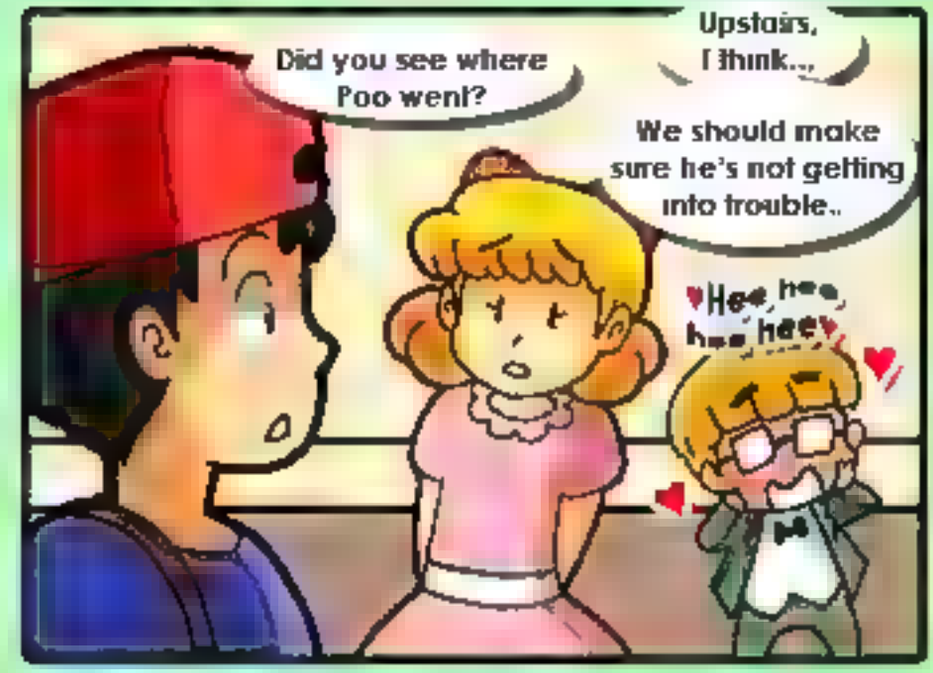
Oh, what a wonderful show! How... oriental!
Only an extravagant restaurant such as this could afford a Dakaanese actor!
Now I shall retire to my hotel where I will partake in a most joyous money bath! Tooooodles!
Now that I think about it, that man was powerful, but I did not sense a strong desire to destroy from him.
He had the kind of fiery spirit of a normal human. Was he not one of our enemies?
MY...RESTAURANT.... NOT BEAUTIFUL!
...NOT...EAUTIFUL
What about that guy's spirit?
...Bad. It's definitely bad. We should go....Now.
•The Beautiful But Deadly Chef is throwing a hissy fit!
•The Underpaid Disgruntled Waitress said something nasty!
That's what you get for not having steak or hamburgers!!
Well said, Master Ness.
GET BACK HEEEEEERE YA LITTLE BRATS!
Oh! Jeff! You grew a mouslache!
I...uh... I'm trying a new look!


Well, we didn't get to eat, but at least I don't have to wear that outfit anymore...
I'd better change, too.
The museum! I knew we'd end up back here eventually. Inside, we'll find our next step.
Are you sure? This isn't just another detour, is it?
The restaurant was a *date* not a detour
...well, until someone ruined it.
I'll...uh... ...I'll be inside.
...I should be careful around her
GAAAAASP!!!
..Museum..
Ness, this one's on me! I'll buy our tickets, so you guys go on ahead!
Are you sure?
Sure I'm sure! It's my treat!
Wow. Jeff must be really excited.
A museum, huh? I'm so excited, I could take a nap. Where's the lounge in this joint?
...Why are you talking?


Such rich history.
Ram Raisin, to think we would one day cross paths. I feel enlightened somehow
Ram Raisin's Training Pot
Incredible! This is all Scarabian history, isn't it?
Yakem Karmen's Casket
With their culture and our technology, just imagine the possibilites!
Somehow, I get the feeling we're not leaving this museum without fighting a mummy or two...
Mr Spoon., Mr Spoon,..!! Always trying to ruin my day,.., I'll show him,.., I'll show them ALL!!!
That guy looks crazy. You should punch him.
The people here are all very odd. However only some are dangerous
The chef and waitress had blue faces and were clearly dangerous, but none of the others looked like that...hm...
Oho, today's my lucky day! To think, I'd find a Dalaamese tourist...
Yoohoo! Samurai boy!
May I have a moment of your time??
Here you go. Punch this guy!
...Well, he does look sort of blue.


It's such a pity, you know? There's a room ahead that's just perfect for people on adventures from other lands, but it's being remodeled..
Shucks, I sure am "hungry"! If somebody just happened to slip me a few "cookies", I'd have to let them go right in...

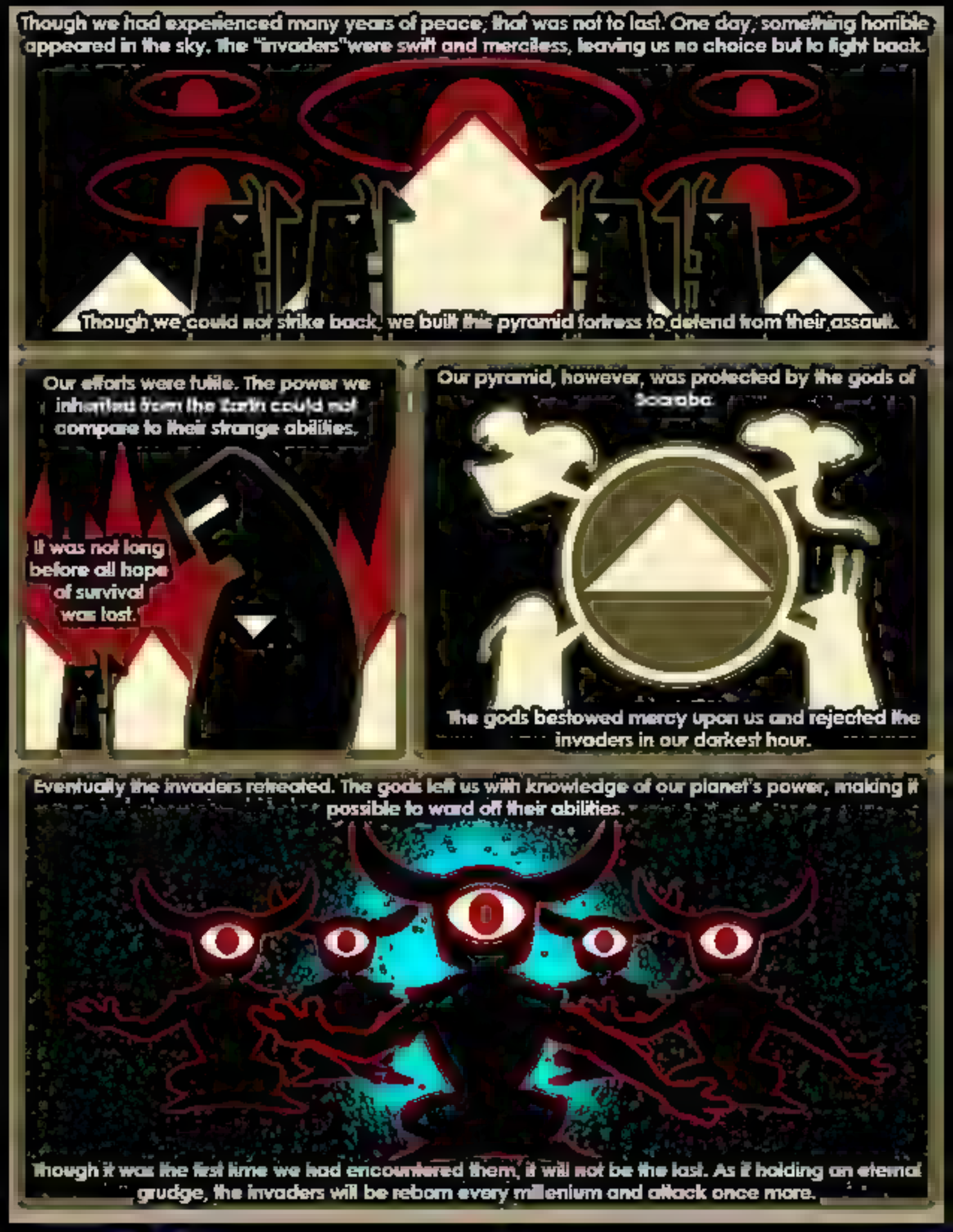
...I don't have any of these "cookies" you seek. Though this is not food, perhaps it may be used to purchase the "cookies"?
NHOOOUUUU!!! H-H He's LOADED!!!


Did you see where Poo went?
Upstairs, I think...
We should make sure he's not getting into trouble..
Hee hee hee hee!

This room almost feels... otherworldly. It appears I was led here for an important reason.

Oh there y... Huh? What's this?
Ah, Master Ness. You are just in time.

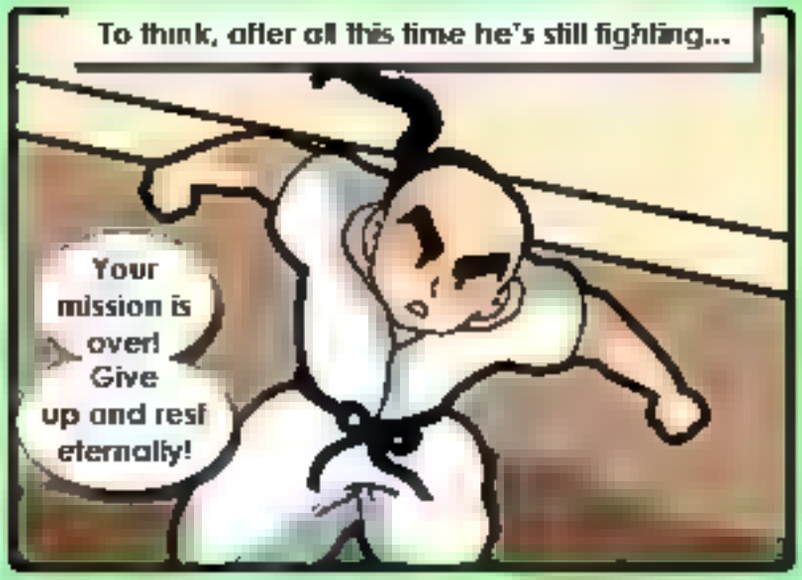
These hieroglyphs... Poo, are you really able to read them?
Yes, Master Ness. Please allow me to tell you the story these people have left behind.


Though we had experienced many years of peace, that was not to last. One day, something horrible appeared in the sky. The "invaders" were swift and merciless, leaving us no choice but to fight back.
Though we could not strike back, we built this pyramid fortress to defend from their assault.
Our efforts were futile. The power we inherited from the Earth could not compare to their strange abilities.
It was not long before all hope of survival was lost.
Our pyramid, however, was protected by the gods of Scarabo.
The gods bestowed mercy upon us and rejected the invaders in our darkest hour.
Eventually the invaders retreated. The gods left us with knowledge of our planet's power, making it possible to ward off their abilities.
Though it was the first time we had encountered them, it will not be the last. As if holding an eternal grudge, the invaders will be reborn every millenium and attack once more.

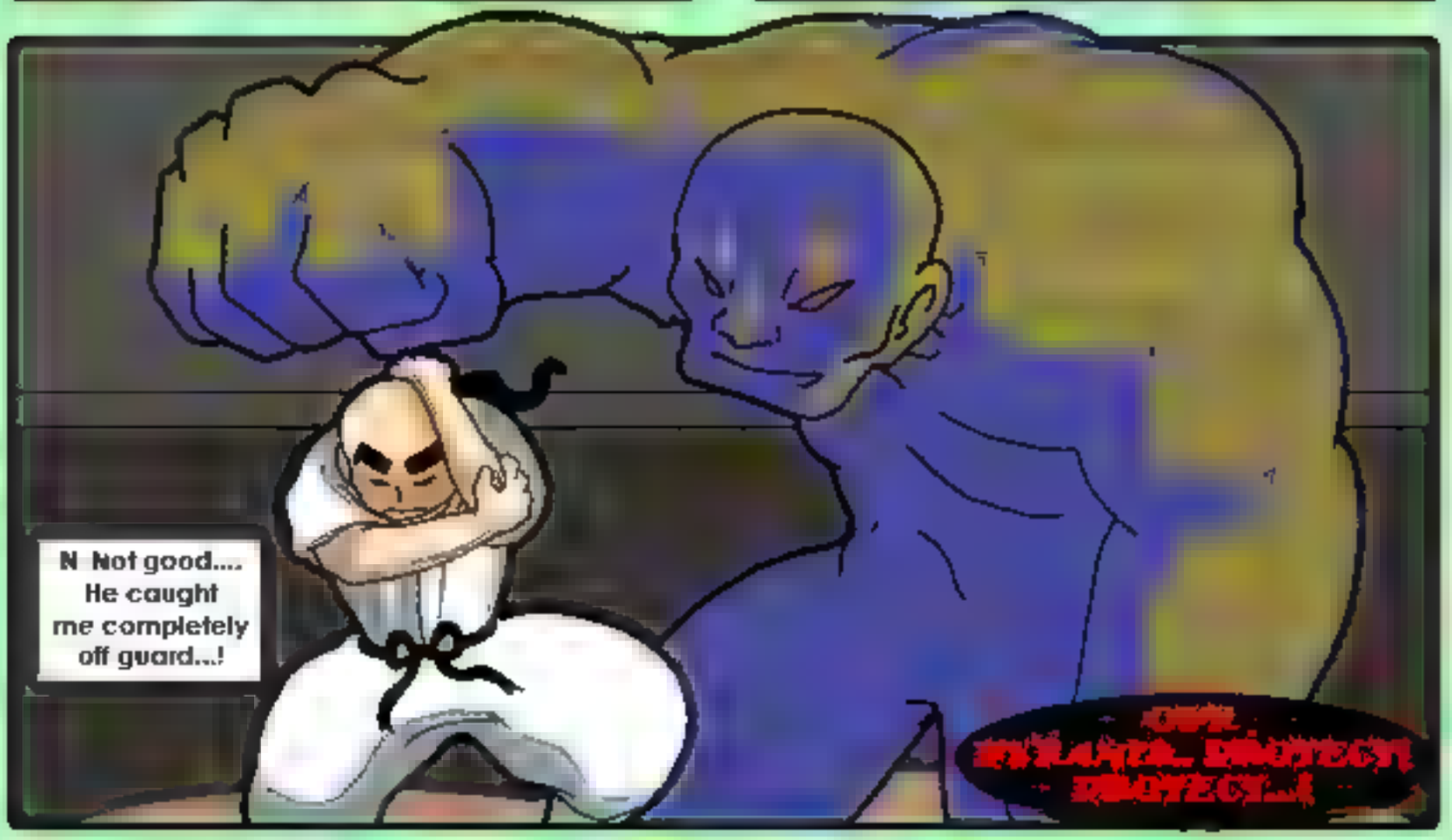
Our mission is to pass down the knowledge left by the gods.
Presently, the invaders are hiding beyond space and time, building their evil stronghold. It is a place we cannot reach.
Beyond the Dark... Beyond even the Lost Underworld.
Eternally watching, waiting for their next opportunity.
The Deep Darkness is as far as our light can reach. Shrouded in emptiness, only magic can pierce through the eternal dark.
An instrument empowered by the gods, the Hawk eye has been protected from the invaders' grasp.
Within the pyramid is the only tool that can bring light to that place, the Hawk eye.
Should they obtain it, the path forward will be lost forever, as they control the darkness itself.
The Sphinx watches over everything, bearing witness to the unforseen future of our people.
When one day a brave hero appears, the pyramid will again open after countless ages.
The knowledge of the gods will belong to him! Seek the pyramid and discover the truth!

What's this?
"Dance in front of the Sphinx"?
...I see. This must be the key
You kids are something else! Amazing! Is this study for a Human Civilization class?
Human...what? We're ..uh.. well. it's a long story, actually
Oh? Maybe it was just that pig boy, then. He took a picture of the hieroglyphics while he was here.
He gave me a lot of money and told me not to let in a "ugly group of losers with a samurai kid", but that gem is worth so much more, heh heh...
Pokey?! Knowing him, he'll try to get his grubby hands on the Hawk eye... Maybe even try to destroy the pyramid.
....!
Even in a place like this, we can't let our guard down!

A Scarabian soldier?! It's not a monster??


To think, after all this time he's still fighting...
Your mission is over! Give up and rest eternally!

B-Behind me! Another one?!

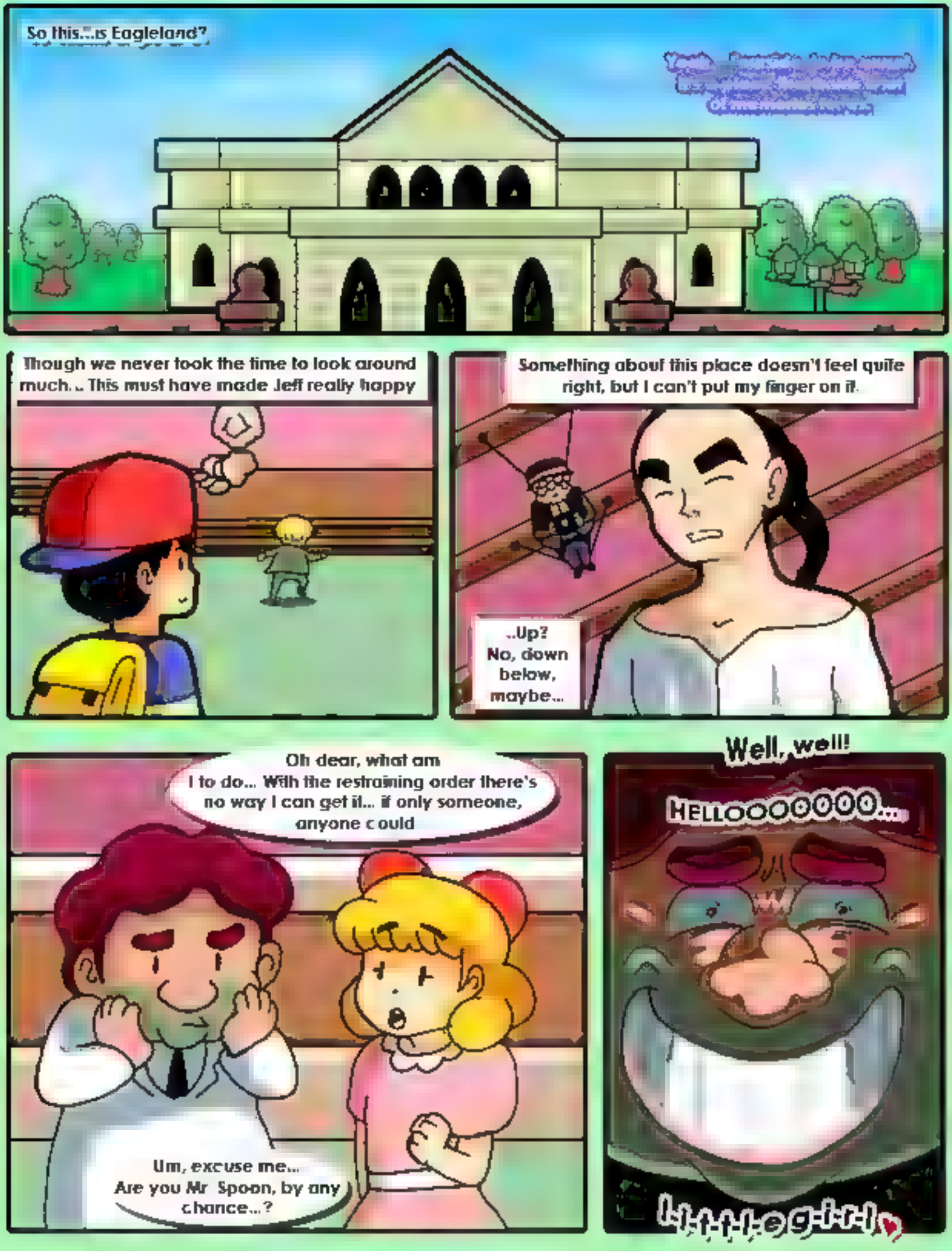

N-Not good.... He caught me completely off guard...!

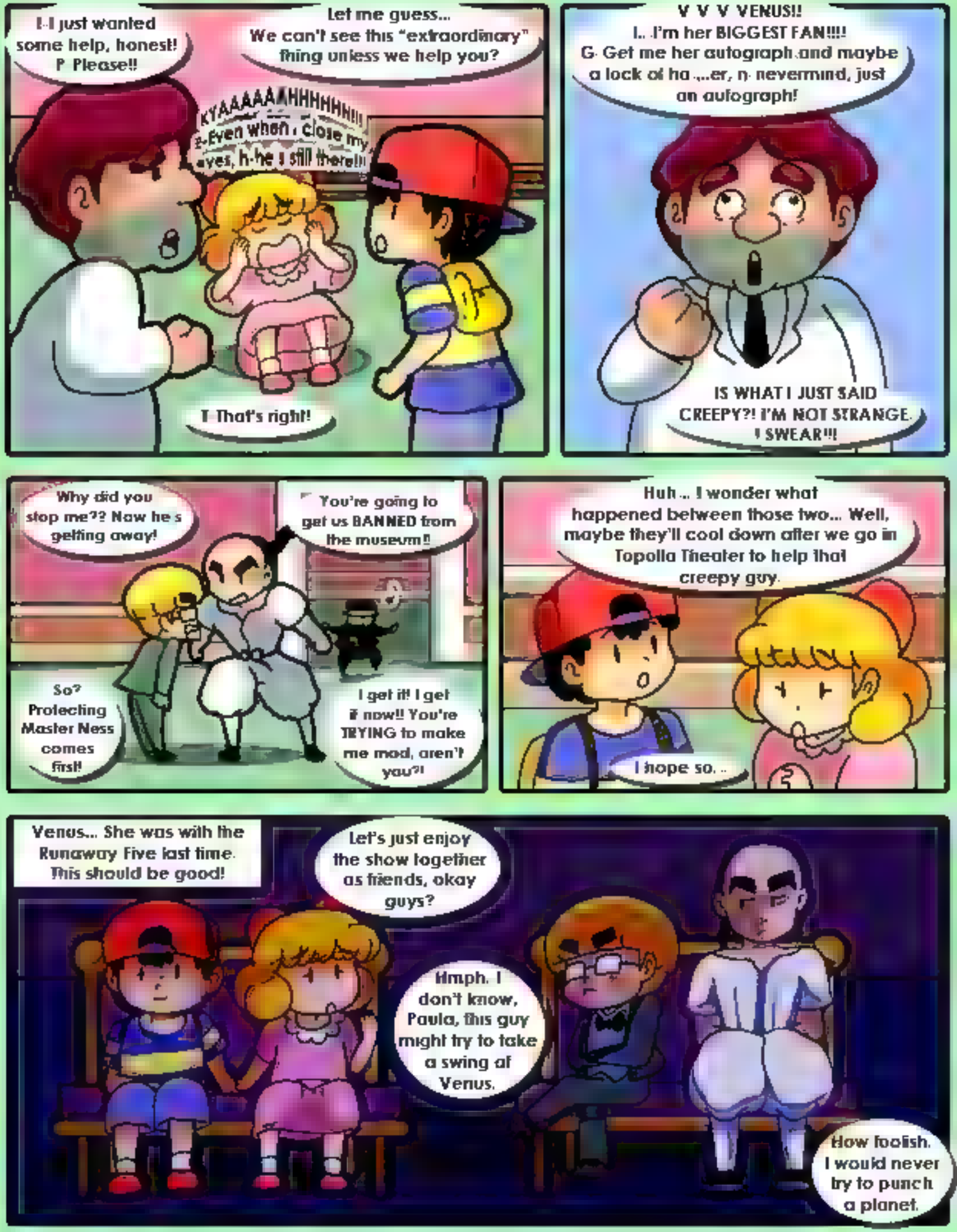
SHIELD β!
....Master Ness?
Poo, you take care of the other one! We've got this!
I hate to destroy part of history, but.
We'll show you what we can do!!
Let's go, guys!
SMAAAAAAASH!!
Got him!
Sorry, but.. I won't hold back!
GRAAAHHH!
Still standing? This guy is persistent... Could the pyramid really have been so important to them?
I understand the devotion to your mission, but it has ended. If you will not rest then I will force you into your grave.

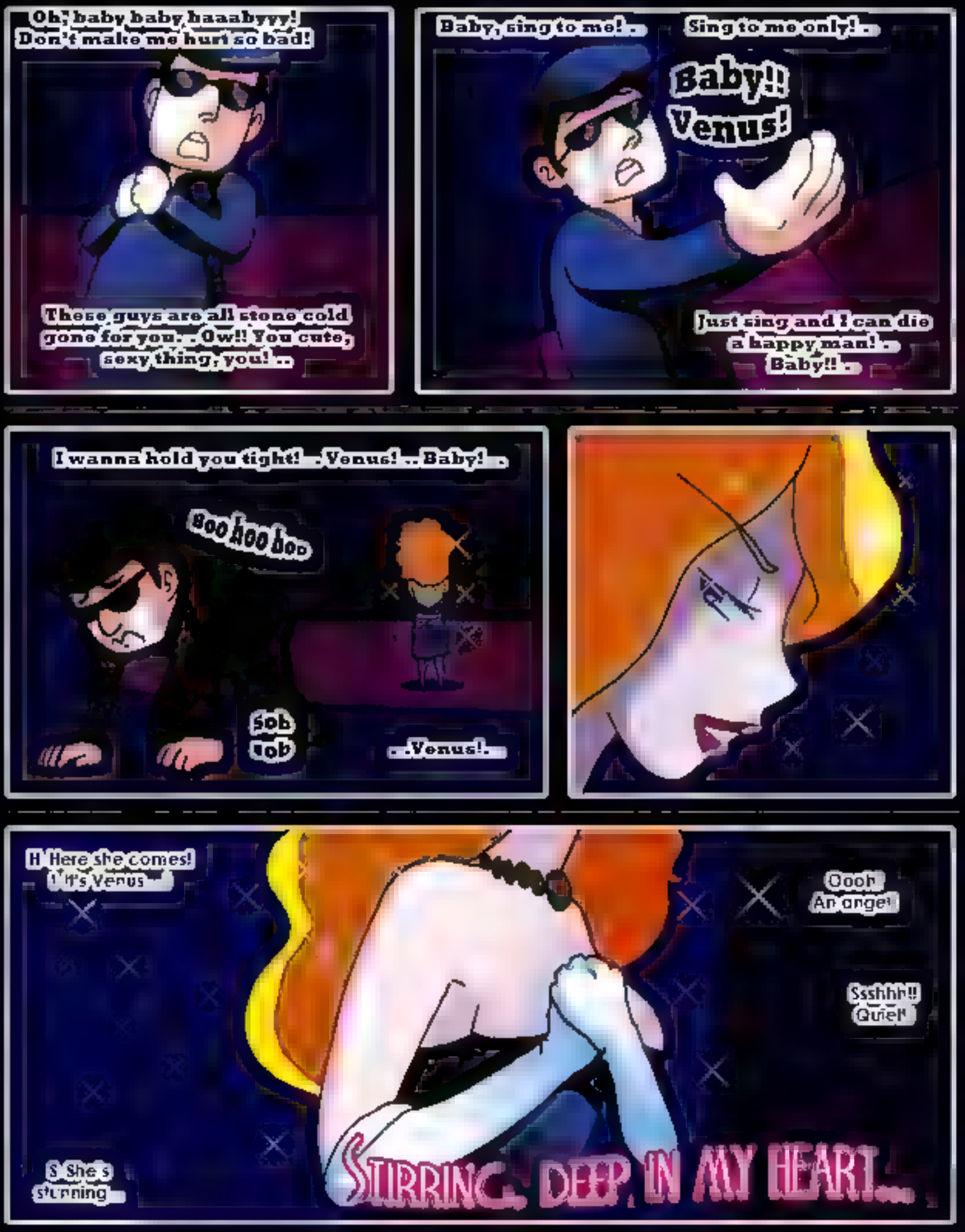
Go back to where you belong! There is no meaning for you to be here any longer!
KRACK!
W-What's going on?? Mummies, kids with super powers...? H-Have I been working too hard? Now that I think about it, I did see a road sign hop on the way to work yesterday... Am I losing it???
Please just burn to a crisp already!
If a broken neck won't do it, then I'll break every bone in your body
M-Maybe I need a break. I have more than enough money to retire... Yeah... Maybe go to a far off place in Eagleland where a zombie uprising would never happen, like Twoson, or Threed...
GRAAAAHHHHH! RAAAAAHHH!
SMASH!!!
WAAAAHHHH!!! I SEE NOTHING; NOTHING AT ALL!!!
T-THIS IS NOT A THING THAT I W-WANT TO BE ANY PART OF!

E-Explo .ding. m. ummies
SHOOOOOM!
Poor guy, he must be really shaken. Then again, this is the perfect opportunity to get away without paying property damages...
L-L-Life is b-b-but a m-moment a s-s-s-single grain of s-s-s-sand
Nice, a piece of hand was preserved! If I can salvage the mummy wrap, it'll make the perfect souvenir!
Your hobby is somehow even more creepy than that camera guy's.
Okay, so I guess we're going to the pyramid next, right? It feels like we've done everything we need to do here ..
Yes, unless a sudden plot device sidetracks us, but I don't see any
RIIIING!
RRRRRIIIIIIIIIINNNNGGGGGG!
...There it is...

Hello...?
Mr Fork?! It's me, Mr. Spoon! Listen, I have AMAZING news! Oh, this is just... I mean, y'know?! WOW!!
Is your name really Mr Spoon? I'm sorry to hear that.
Don't feel sorry for me, my brother, Mr. Doorstop, has it much worse.
ANYWAY, listen up, because oh man, the bragging I have to do! MY museum is now home to a NEW and EXCITINGLY SPECTACULAR find!
That's right, it's all thanks to ME! The Fourside Museum of Natural History will be world RENOWNED thanks to this find!
Oh, you should come visit so you can finally see something as FANTASTIC and OUTRAGEOUS as
CLICK
Okay that'll be enough of that,
Well, assuming that wasn't a really bad prank call, I think we should at least see what the big deal is.
Another "museum"? Hm,.. To be honest, I feel as if the pyramid should be our highest priority
....!
So it's back to Fourside, then?
DO NOT ruin this for me.
..Very well. The museum it is.
It's settled, then! Let's return to Fourside!


So this...is Eagleland?
Though we never took the time to look around much... This must have made Jeff really happy
Something about this place doesn't feel quite right, but I can't put my finger on it.
..Up? No, down below, maybe...
Oh dear, what am I to do... With the restraining order there's no way I can get it... if only someone, anyone could
Um, excuse me... Are you Mr Spoon, by any chance...?
Well, well!
HELLOOOOOOO...
L-i-t-t-l-e g-i-r-l


I-I just wanted some help, honest! P- Please!!
Let me guess... We can't see this "extraordinary" thing unless we help you?
KYAAAAAAHHHHHHH!!! E-Even when I close my eyes, h-he's still there!!
T-That's right!
V V V VENUS!! I.. I'm her BIGGEST FAN!!!! G-Get me her autograph and maybe a lock of ha...er, n-nevermind, just an autograph!
IS WHAT I JUST SAID CREEPY?! I'M NOT STRANGE. I SWEAR!!
Why did you stop me?? Now he's getting away!
You're going to get us BANNED from the museum!!
So? Protecting Master Ness comes first!
I get it! I get it now!! You're TRYING to make me mad, aren't you?!
Huh... I wonder what happened between those two... Well, maybe they'll cool down after we go in Topolla Theater to help that creepy guy.
I hope so...
Venus... She was with the Runaway Five last time. This should be good!
Let's just enjoy the show together as friends, okay guys?
Hmph. I don't know, Paula, this guy might try to take a swing at Venus.
How foolish. I would never try to punch a planet.

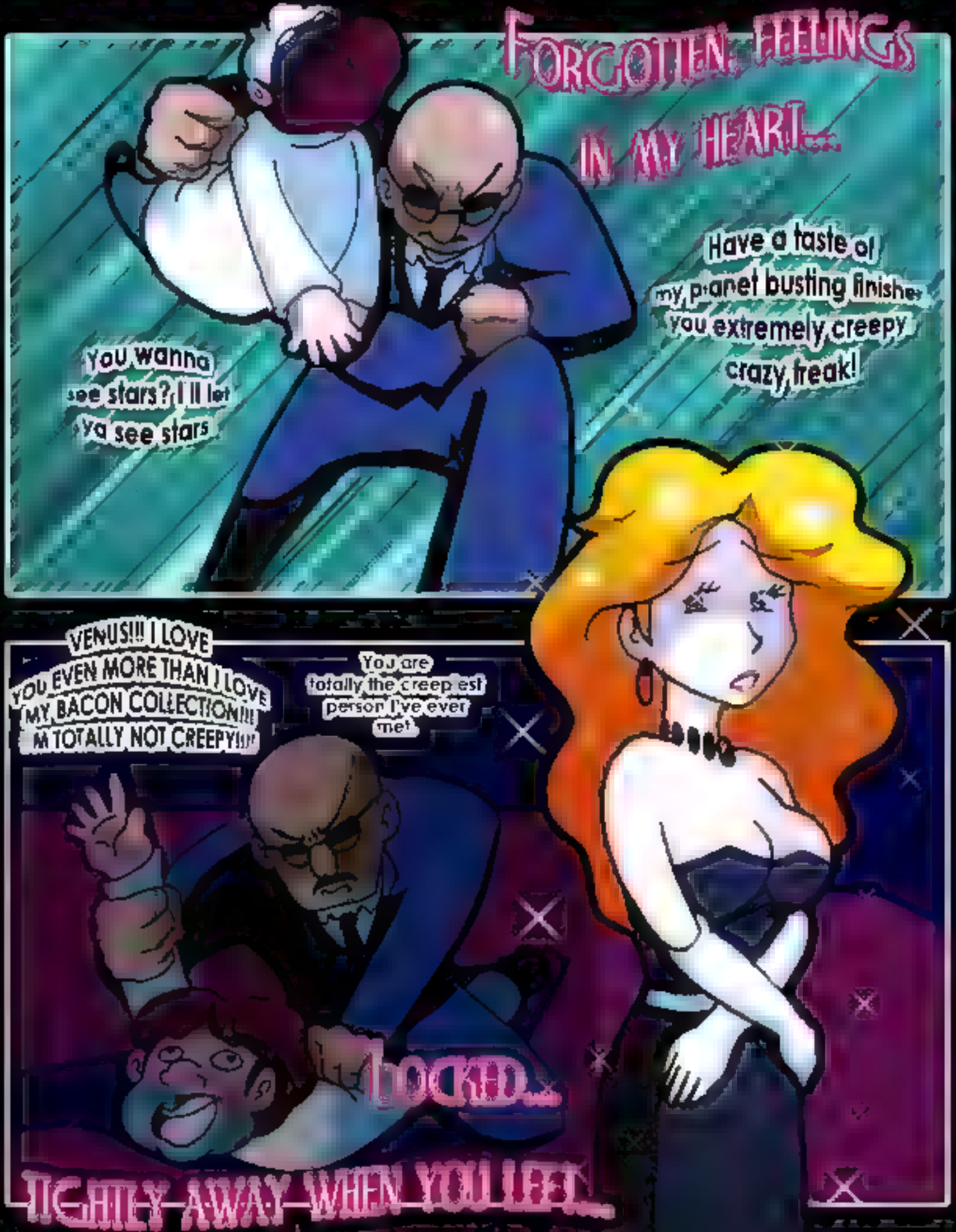

Oh, baby baby baaabyyy! Don't make me hurt so bad!
These guys are all stone cold gone for you. . Ow!! You cute, sexy thing, you! ..
Baby, sing to me! .
Sing to me only! .
Baby!! Venus!
Just sing and I can die a happy man! . Baby!! .
I wanna hold you tight! . .Venus! .. Baby! . .
Boo hoo boo
Sob sob
. .Venus!.
H Here she comes! It's Venus
Oooh An angel
Ssshhh!! Quiet
S She's stunning
STIRRING DEEP IN MY HEART...

FEELINGS FROM WHEN WE FIRST MET...
THE MOMENT WE KISSED
IS STILL A MEMORY
THAT I...CAN...TOUCH...

LONGING...
...TO HEAR YOUR VOICE...
...WAITING...
...HOPING TO AGAIN
BE WITH YOU...
WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME THE WIND CARRIES IT AWAY.
BUT YOU'RE...NOT...THERE...
S She s... ta kirg
fo me
Venus
hea
you
I'm here

WE'RE BOUND BY ETERNITY.
Hey, wasn't that the creepy guy?
W-What manner of place is this?? I must not look
SO PLEASE ACCEPT ALL MY LOVE...!

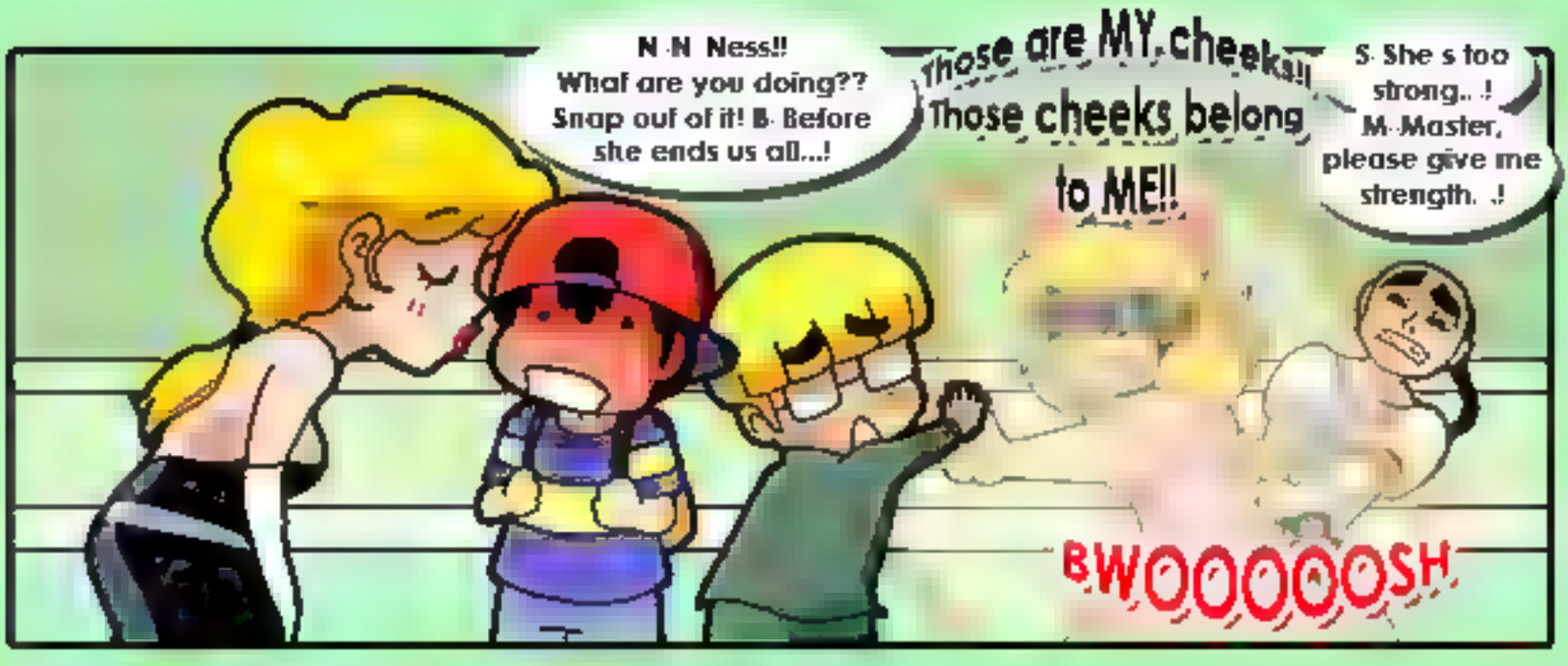
I JUST WANT TO BE HELD BY YOU...
V-Venus... I'm here my sweet glittery flower!
Let me stroke your hair...!
VENUS I LOVE YOU I SWEAR I'M NOT CRAZY!!!! I WILL HOLD YOU FOREVER!!!
That guy's crazy!
VENUS LOOK OUT!!
GASP!!!
I-TO FEEL YOUR WARMTH ONCE MORE...


FORGOTTEN FEELINGS IN MY HEART...
You wanna see stars? I'll let ya see stars
Have a taste of my planet busting finisher you extremely creepy crazy freak!
VENUS!!! I LOVE YOU EVEN MORE THAN I LOVE MY BACON COLLECTION!!! M TOTALLY NOT CREEPY!!!
You are totally the creepiest person I've ever met
LOCKED...
TIGHTLY AWAY WHEN YOU LEE

THE ONLY KEY REMAINS IN THE HANDS
OF MY ETERNAL LOVER
E-TER-NAL
~LOOOVER~
E-TER-NAL
~LOOOVER~

T-That was very... nice. Venus sure is a good singer... We should hurry along and visit her...
We should, huh? Say, Ness.... Is it my imagination, or are you sweating a lot? Let me see your face.
A-Ah, n-no, it's okay. I'm fine!
Oh? Is that so?
But.. SOMETHING seems to be bothering you. What could it possibly be Ness?
I do not understand. What is going on between Paula and Master Ness?
I believe Ness is presently discovering the downside of having a girlfriend that he shares a psychic bond with.
Oh, you're friends of the Runaway Five?
Y-Yes, we'd like to see
Ness, come back here!!
You kids can go on in. Venus is waiting for you
..?,
Waiting for you, huh?? Is that how it is?
I-It's not what you think!!

Oh! It's you! Ness, right? To think, the cute hero who saved the Runaway Five would come see me! I'm flattered!
Hee hee... She thinks I'm cute...
pudge pudge
Ah, um... who is that? Is she a friend of yours?
T That's Paula. It's possible she'll end my life by the time we're done here.
..I see.. So, what can I help you with?
Would it be okay if you gave us your autograph? It's...ah...for a friend. A "totally not creepy" friend.
Sure thing!
is a banana peel okay?
...Strangely enough, yeah! This is perfect!
My friend, who is definitely not creepy at all, will love this!
Thanks, Venus!
Don't mention it, little man.
And, since you went to so much trouble...
...Here's a bonus...
SMOOOOOCH!
I...I'm so dead.



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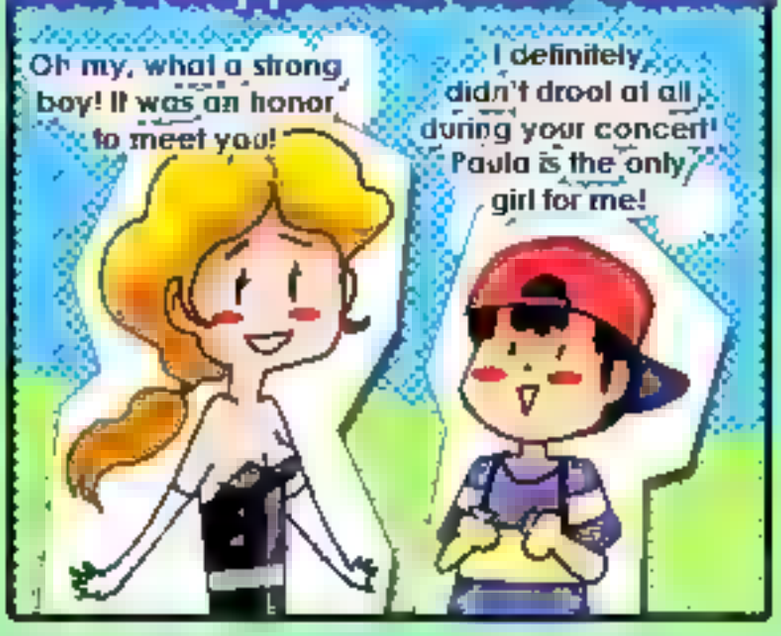

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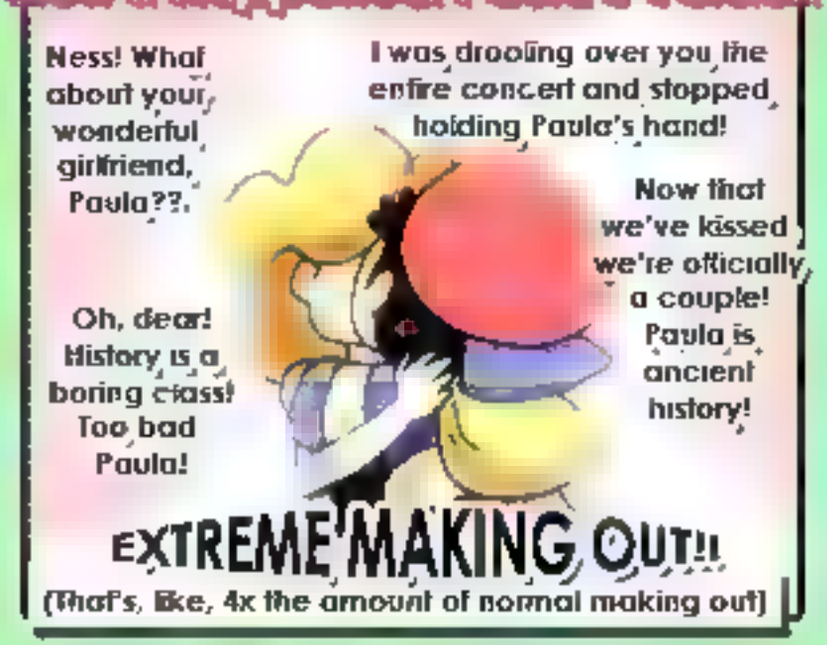
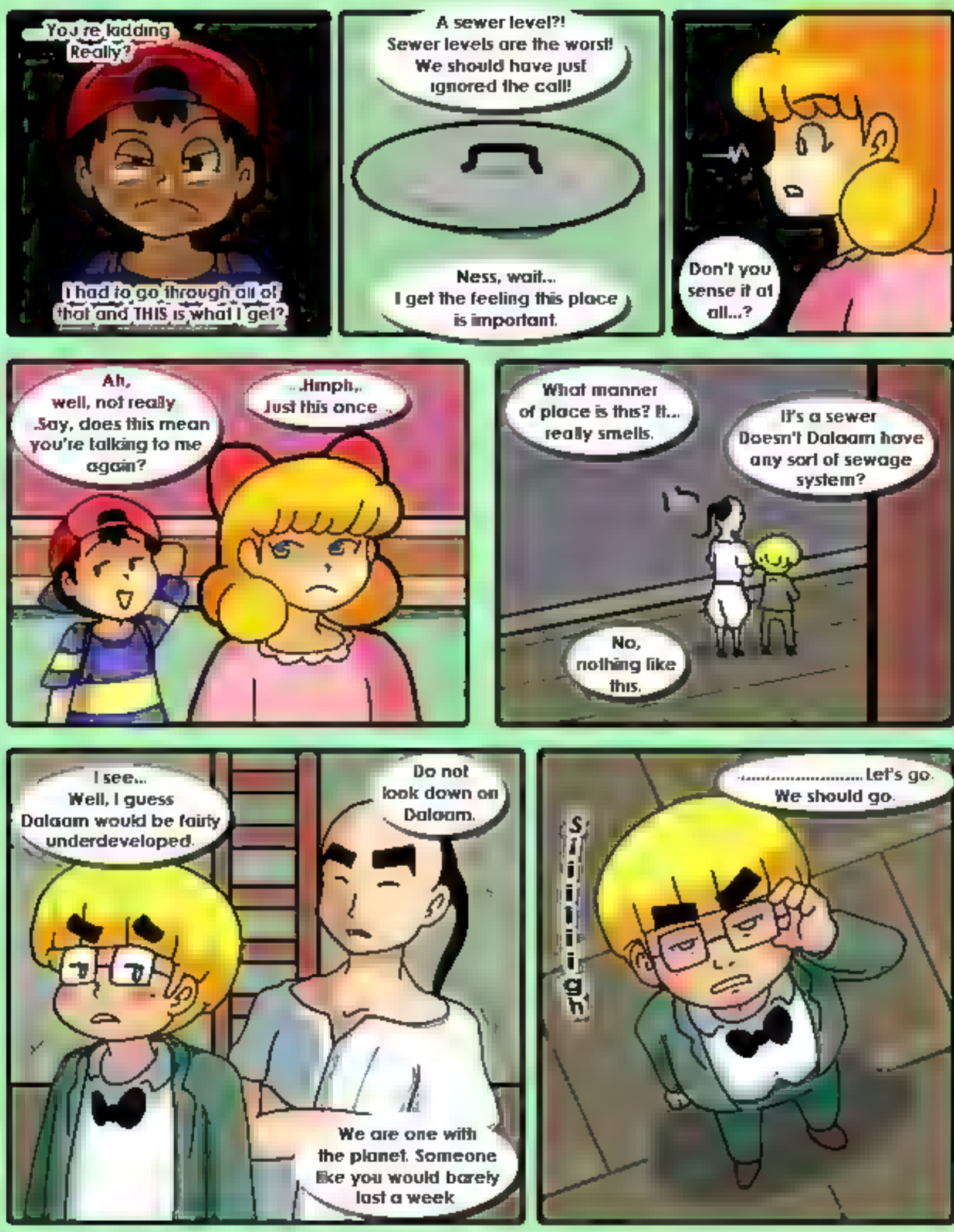
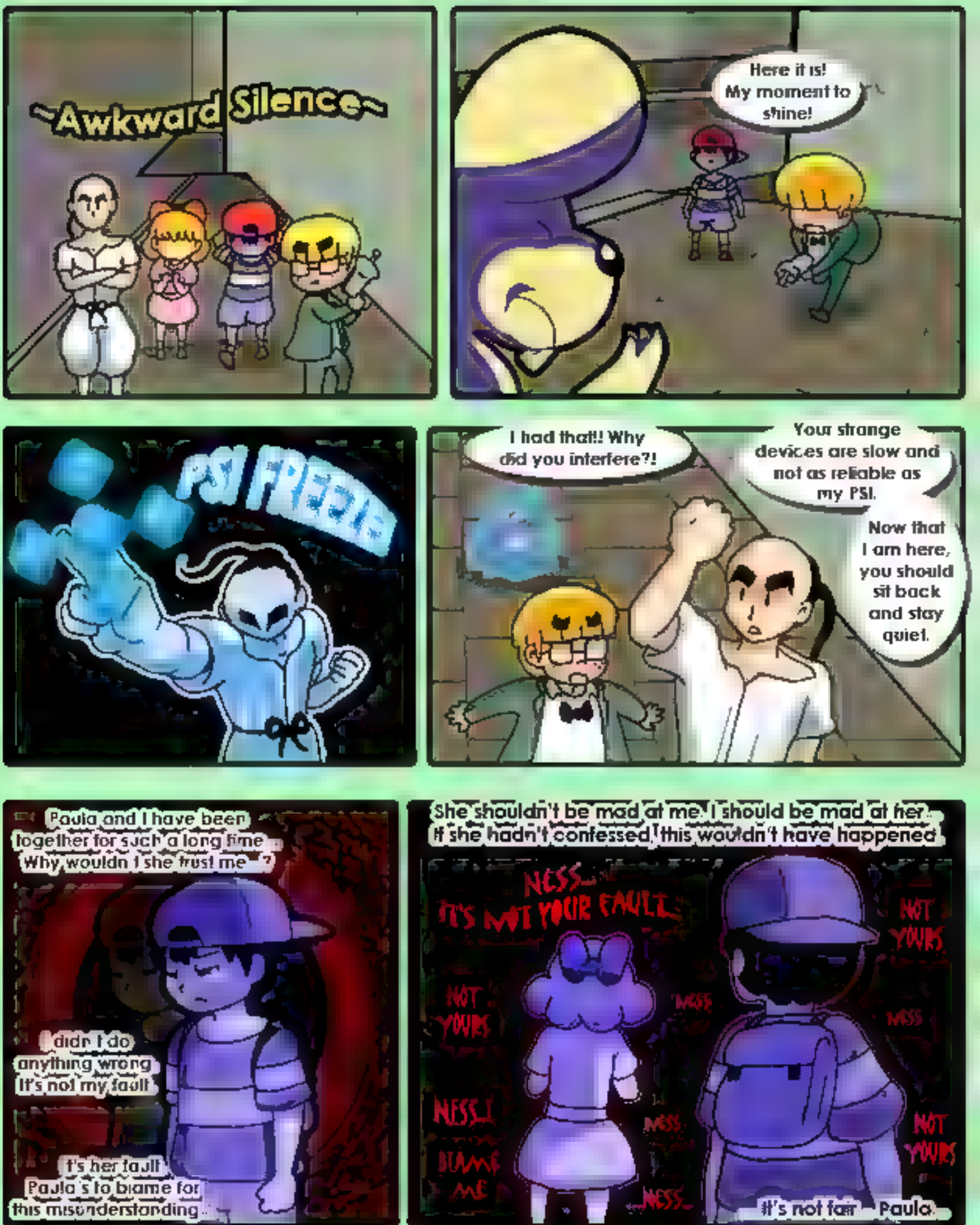


Ah...um...
Sorry, Ness, but I don't think there's any easy way out of this. Honestly, I've never seen Paula so irritated before...
Jeff, ..help... I don't know what to do...!
Paula, stop making such a big deal out of nothing. Master Ness cannot be blamed if you do not meet his expectations.
f he doesn't thnk you re worthy, that's because you re acting like ah hey what are ya
YAAAAAHHHH!!!!
Oh.. Oh. What could be taking them so long??? The concert already ended .. Don't tell me they ran off with the autograph .. Oh no.
Oh! You re here! Ah, I...
..Take it. Don't say a word. Just take it.
Wow, she actually slapped you Somehow i'm not surprised
..Perhaps I said too much, but... Why won't she stop pointing at me? It's creeping me out, to be honest....


You're kidding
Really?
I had to go through all of that and THIS is what I get?
A sewer level?!
Sewer levels are the worst!
We should have just ignored the call!
Ness, wait...
I get the feeling this place is important.
Don't you sense it at all...?
Ah,
well, not really
.Say, does this mean you're talking to me again?
..Hmph,.
Just this once ..
What manner of place is this? It... really smells.
It's a sewer
Doesn't Dalaam have any sort of sewage system?
No,
nothing like this.
I see...
Well, I guess Dalaam would be fairly underdeveloped.
Do not look down on Dalaam.
We are one with the planet. Someone like you would barely last a week
..... Let's go.
We should go.
Sighing

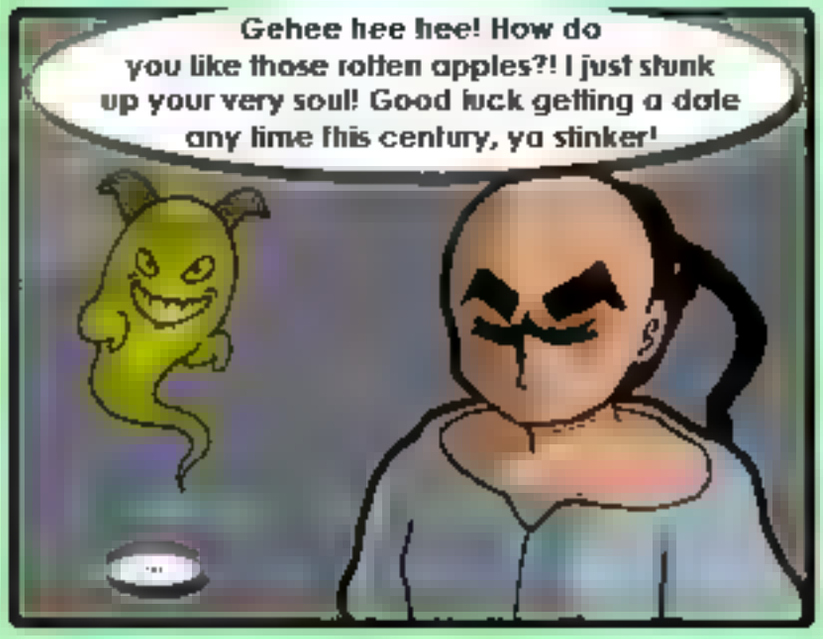
...AHEM...
...Any day now...
HEY!! Just what does a Filthy Attack Roach have to do to get some attention around here?!
I'm not in the mood. Go away
What kind of excuse is that?!
The kind of excuse where I don't KICK YOUR SORRY BUTT, SO SHUT UP AND LEAVE ME ALONE BEFORE I CHANGE MY MIND!!
Y You don't have to be so mean about it...
Leave Master Ness alone! He is having a bad day, and you're only making it worse! Never appear before us again!!
Waah! You guys are jerks!!
Hmph, what nerve To think that a mere insect would even dare to challenge Master Ness. Fortunately, now that I'm here, he will not have to bother with these weaklings.
Drat, if I'm not careful, he'll steal the spotlight completely
Very well. Leave this to me, friends!
The valiant hero, Jeff Andonuts, is ready for action!


Awkward Silence
Here it is! My moment to shine!
PSI FREEZE
I had that!! Why did you interfere?!
Your strange devices are slow and not as reliable as my PSI.
Now that I am here, you should sit back and stay quiet.
Paula and I have been together for such a long time. Why wouldn't she trust me...?
didn't do anything wrong. It's not my fault.
It's her fault! Paula's to blame for this misunderstanding...
She shouldn't be mad at me. I should be mad at her... If she hadn't confessed, this wouldn't have happened.
NESS... IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT...
NOT YOURS
NESS
NESS!
BLAME ME
NESS...
It's not fair, Paula.

What...am I doing...? This isn't like me... It's not right... It's not right... But I... I...
Ness.
Ness
Master Ness...! Can you hear me?? Are you okay?
-Ahh!
Y-Yes...! I-I'll be right there!
I-I won't lose. Compared to what we went through in Moonside, this is nothing!
SPLOSH
SPLOSH
I... I can never wear this dress again...
sniffle
W-Why did I just "squish" when I should have "splosh"ed???
SPLOSH
SPLOSH
SQUISH
Hm? What is this strange object? It seems to be floating quickly for something so heavy looking.
SPLOSH
SPLOSH
AAAAAH-DAAAAAHH!

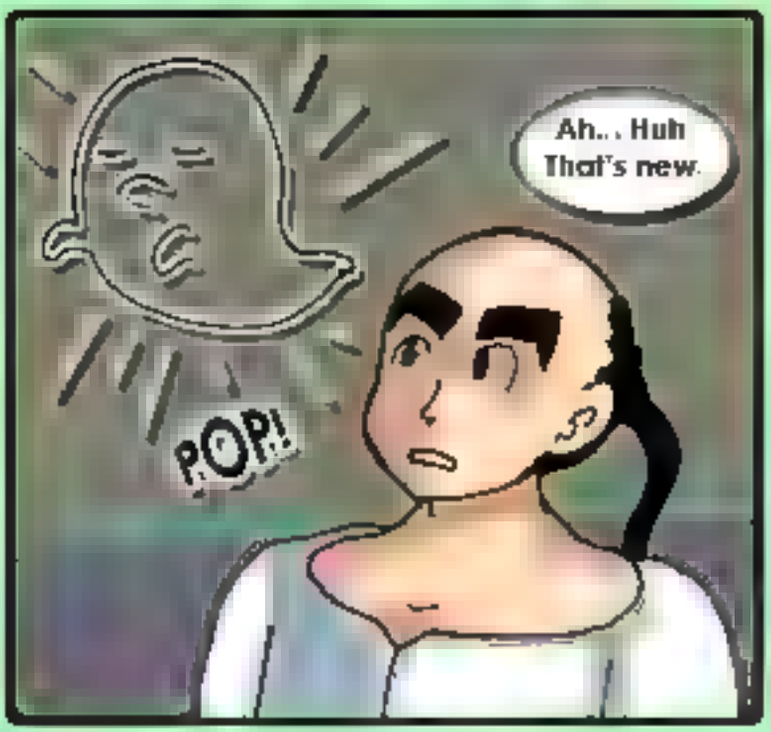
A ghost trap?!
The stink lines are so powerful, they're...overwhelming!
Gehee hee hee!

This smell...it's...even worse than Master's breath after one of his garlic snacks...
So many stink lines..

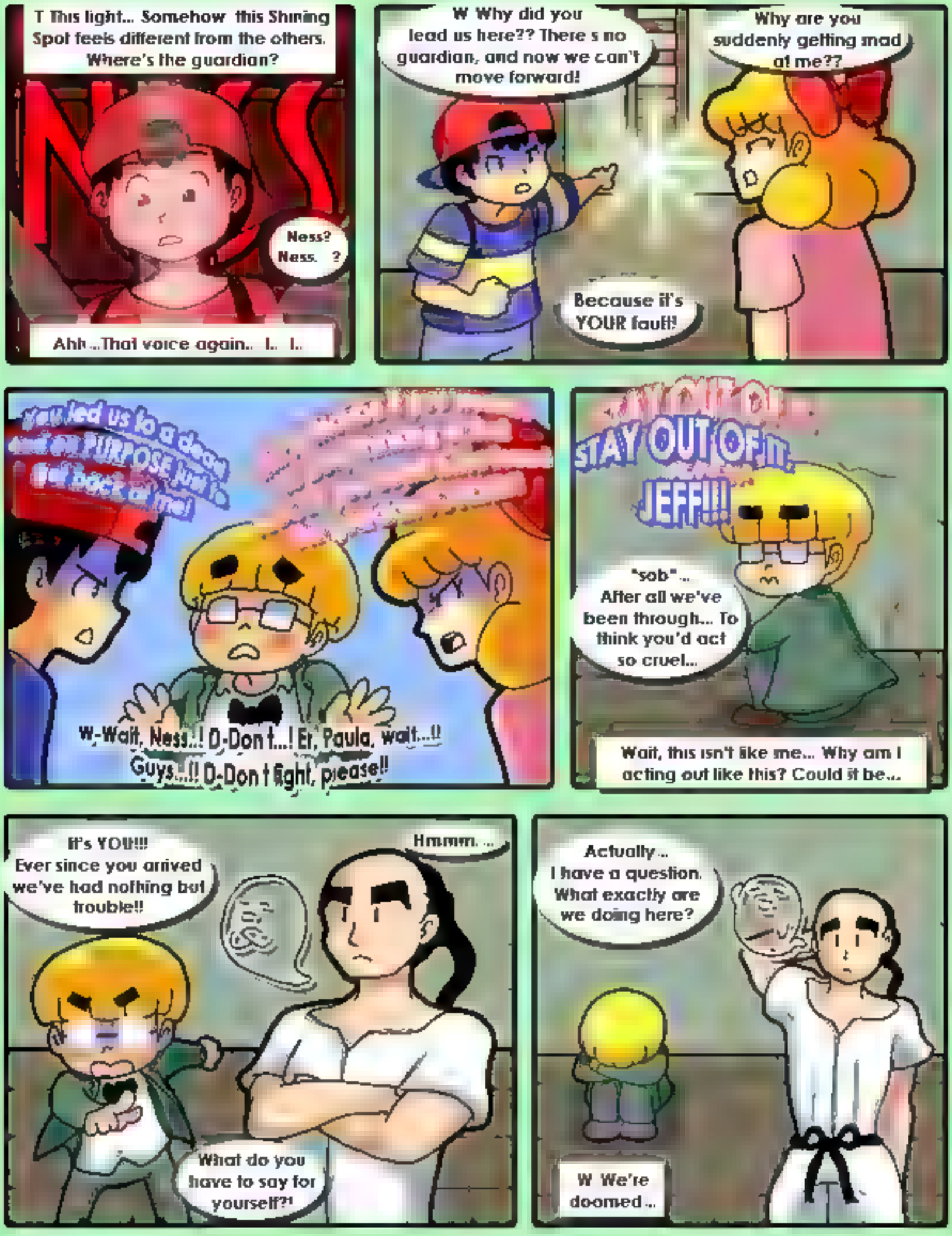

Gehee hee hee! How do you like those rotten apples?! I just stunk up your very soul! Good luck getting a date any time this century, ya stinker!

GE HA HA HAAAA!
SPLOSH
...? Why is he running away?

That's it? I thought you could handle everything yourself? If you ask me your performance really stunk. Heh heh
"snort"
I certainly smell different, but I don't feel different.


Ah... Huh That's new.
POP!

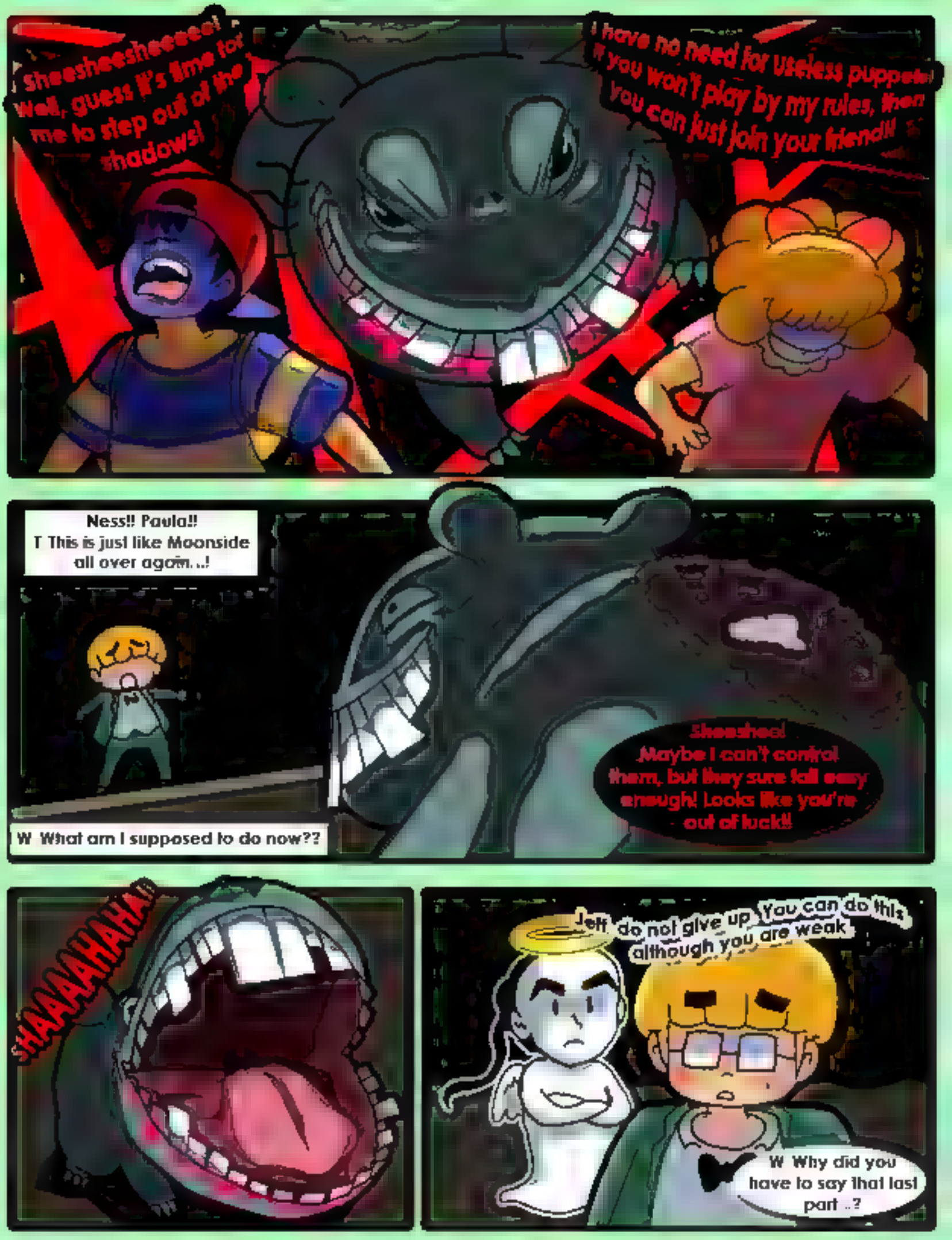
Shoo! Get out of my face. What manner of nuisance is this??
SCOOOOSH
Move! I can't see! You're.. No, don't,.. Ugh... Patience... Remain calm...
Woooooo
SPLOSH
SPLOSH
NO!! STOP THAT!!
snicker
Poo seems to be having a lot of trouble... I feel bad for laughing, but...
Thanks to that, I'm feeling a little better...
Maybe I should try talking to Paula, but... What if I just ruin her mood again?
Ness is really quiet... Maybe I went too far...
Shee shee shee... The real show is just about to begin...
Wait, these sewers lead to another Sanctuary location? Then, that must be...


T This light... Somehow this Shining Spot feels different from the others. Where's the guardian?
Ness? Ness. ?
Ahh ...That voice again.. I.. I..
W Why did you lead us here?? There s no guardian, and now we can't move forward!
Why are you suddenly getting mad at me??
Because it's YOUR fault!
You led us to a dead end on PURPOSE just to get back at me!
W-Wait, Ness..! D-Don t...! Er, Paula, wait...!! Guys...!! D-Don t fight, please!!
STAY OUT OF IT, JEFF!!!
"sob"... After all we've been through... To think you'd act so cruel...
Wait, this isn't like me... Why am I acting out like this? Could it be...
It's YOU!!! Ever since you arrived we've had nothing but trouble!!
Hmmm. ...
What do you have to say for yourself?!
Actually... I have a question. What exactly are we doing here?
W We're doomed ...

You're just holding me back!! I'm a MASTER now!!
The only thing you can master is how to wear your hat in a stupid way! And yellow backpacks are UGLY!!
This isn't good Master Ness and Paula are getting even more irrational... Maybe-
...Wait, why are some of the lights going out?
This isn't a mere coincidence. We were led right into a trap! Something is coming...
If I don't do something, *anything* to change this situation, we'll-
...Eh? This icy chill running down my spine... I.. I can't move! Why at a time like this....!!
SHEE
SHEE
SHEE
SWAAAAASH!!!
• Poo got hurt and collapsed...

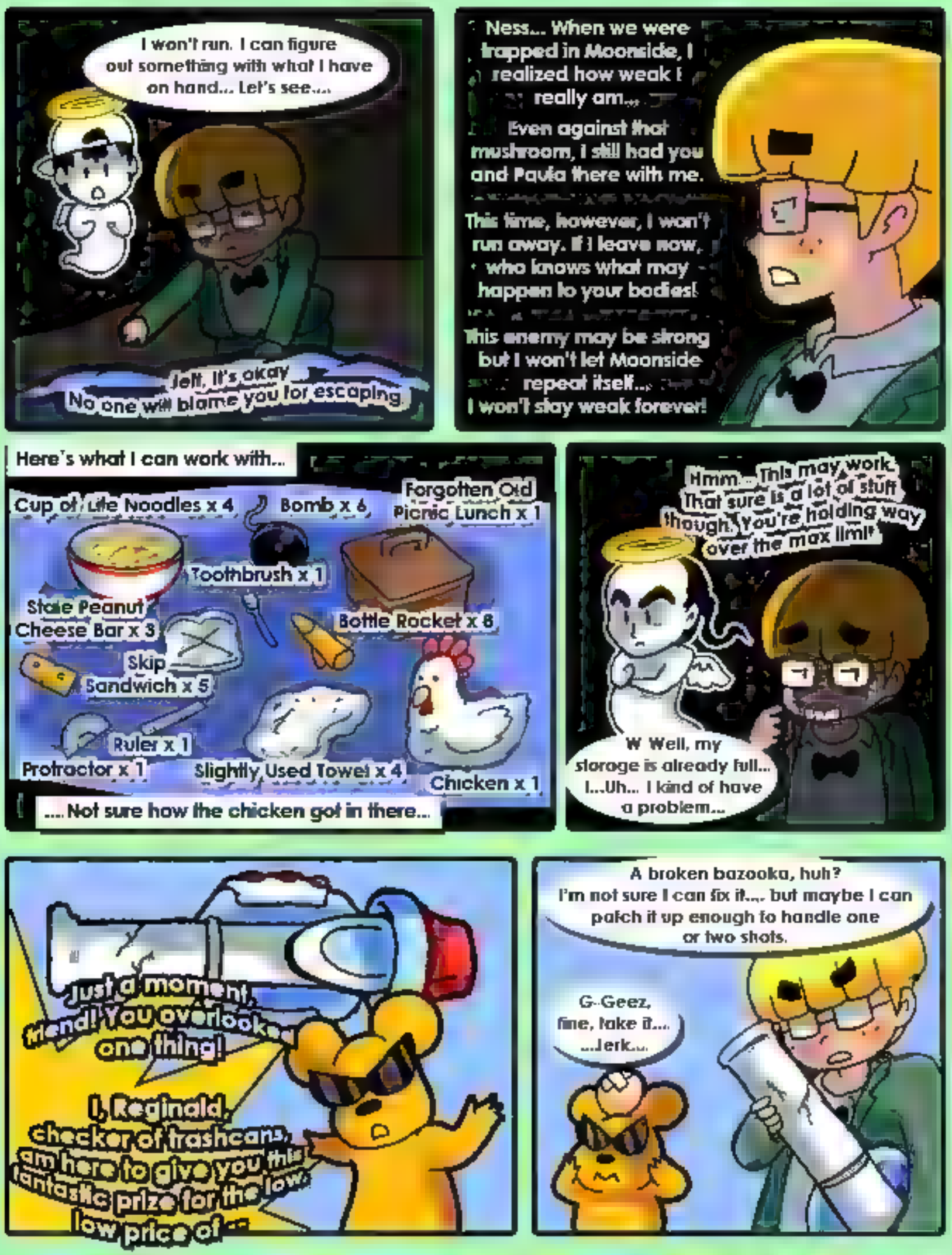
I d- don't believe it. ..! Poo was defeated so easily... Because of our bickering, we walked right into a trap...!
SHEE SHEE SHEEEE... Sorry, didn't mean to interfere...
If only I had been thinking clearly!
Ness! Paula!! Wake up! Stop listening to the voices! If you let Giygas' influence get to you, we're finished!
What kind of a wimp do you take me for?! There's no way I'd fall for something like that!
SHEE SHEE SHEE! At this rate, I won't have to do anything...
With Master Giygas' influence, they'll just destroy each other!
• The Rebellious Adolescent and the Sweet But Deadly Youth attacked!
YOU'RE REALLY NOT HELPING RIGHT NOW!!
Hmph. See *this* is why you should have followed my training.

W Wait, you're a ghost now??
Apparently yes Although I do not believe that I am actually dead
Well, as long as you don't start haunting me...
That would not be preferable for either one of us
The Rebellious Adolescent is getting out of rowdy!
I am level 99 in everything I do!! I can solo this whole adventure, so get out of my party!!
The Rebellious Adolescent attacked!
...I SAID, the Rebellious Adolescent attacked!
Hey, kid! What do ya think you're doing?! Attack!
Ah...? Ness isn't moving?
The Sweet But Deadly Youth is feeling melancholy. Life just isn't what she expected...
Hey, are you going to actually do something or just sit there?
...Tch, this is what I get for using teenagers...
Hmph, serves you right Their bonds are stronger than you think You cannot make them attack or even use PSI
Sheaaaaaa... Rubbish! To think, the evil influence could actually be rejected...
This is a plan we'll have to abandon...


Sheesheesheeeee! Well, guess it's time for me to step out of the shadows!
I have no need for useless puppets! If you won't play by my rules, then you can just join your friends!!
Ness!! Paula!! T This is just like Moonside all over again...!
W What am I supposed to do now??
Sheesheee! Maybe I can't control them, but they sure fall easy enough! Looks like you're out of luck!!
SHAAAAHAHA!!!
Jeff, do not give up. You can do this although you are weak
W Why did you have to say that last part ..?

Ah...huh? Wait, where am I? Why do I suddenly feel so floaty?
Ness! You're... uh....alive?
W-Whoa!! W-Where did my body go?? What happened???
Paula! You, too??
I'm sorry, guys... The way things are, I don't think I can win this time... I'm just not strong enough...
No, Jeff, it's my fault... Just like with the last guardian, I was careless...
What do you think you're doing?? Now is not the time to give in! Will you abandon Master Ness at such a crucial moment?
...Abandon... Ness, huh? Actually, maybe...
rustle rustle
Sheeshsheesheesh! This turned out better than I thought! Are you afraid? Will you run? Go ahead, please! I- Hey, what've you eating?
I don't know if this will work, but... I have to try!
MUNCH MUNCH
W-WHAT SPEED!!
DASH!!

Hah... Hah..., The effects of the Skip Sandwich are already wearing off.... I... I need to find a place to hide and catch my breath....
Jeff, keep going! Don't worry about us!
I think you've lost him!
Shee shee sheeeeee... what a treat! How great of you to abandon your friends!
Say, after we finish this game, I'll probably be hungry... Good thing you left a few snacks behind, hm? Shaa haa haa haaaaa!
Jeff, do not listen to him! Hurry, there's a room here! Hide now!!
R--Right...
Oh? Is that an open door I see? I wonder if someone is hiding inside!
Yeeee-haeeeee~! Anyone hiding in here?
Shee shee shee... Maybe I'll check back later... Wouldn't want to end the hunt when I'm just getting started!!
Jeff, it's okay... Don't be sad. I'm sure our bodies will be fine
Yeah, don't worry! As long as you can escape
Thanks, but... I have no plans of escaping. This is only the beginning...


I won't run. I can figure out something with what I have on hand... Let's see....
Jeff, it's okay. No one will blame you for escaping.
Ness... When we were trapped in Moonside, I realized how weak I really am...
Even against that mushroom, I still had you and Paula there with me.
This time, however, I won't run away. If I leave now, who knows what may happen to your bodies!
This enemy may be strong but I won't let Moonside repeat itself... I won't stay weak forever!
Here's what I can work with...
Cup of Life Noodles x 4
Bomb x 6
Forgotten Old Picnic Lunch x 1
Toothbrush x 1
Stale Peanut Cheese Bar x 3
Bottle Rocket x 8
Skip Sandwich x 5
Ruler x 1
Protractor x 1
Slightly Used Towel x 4
Chicken x 1
.... Not sure how the chicken got in there...
Hmm... This may work. That sure is a lot of stuff though. You're holding way over the max limit!
W Well, my storage is already full... I...Uh... I kind of have a problem...
Just a moment, friend! You overlooked one thing!
I, Reginald, checker of trashcans, am here to give you this fantastic prize for the low, low price of --
A broken bazooka, huh? I'm not sure I can fix it... but maybe I can patch it up enough to handle one or two shots.
G-Geez, fine, take it.... ...Jerk...

Listen, you shouldn t take this guy lightly, okay? He s a tough one. He didn't get the name "Plague Rat of Doom" for nothing, you know!
That sounds like something you just made up.
I'm serious! He's a major jerk, MacGyver!
Mac what?
Is he really that bad? I know he's definitely stronger but
Sister, the less you know about this guy, the better
Okay! All set! Now I just need a burst of speed and I can go.
Jeff, I'm not sure what you're about to do but we'll be supporting you in "spirit"!
Jeff! Go get 'em!
I will watch your back. The rest is up to you. Good luck
shee shee shee... There he goes... Like a rat being led right into a trap.
This is it! Let the game begin...!

All I need to do is make it back to where the others fell... No matter what, I have to keep moving!
shee shee shee sheeeeee!
That disgusting laugh again...
Tch, he's already catching up... Even with the Skip Sandwich, I'm barely outrunning him
W-Wait, where did he go??
Jeff, in front! Do not let him fool you!
H-How does something that big move so quickly?!
He is faster than he looks! Right now, even I can barely follow his movement. You must push ahead, regardless!
H-How?? I can barely see him!
Do not think! Do not turn back! Keep going, and I will guide you. Now, quickly, leap forward!
I...I did it!
SWIIIIPE
With Poo's directions and the power of the Skip Sandwich, I can do this!

Jeff, don't get distracted! Here he comes again!
Hurfff!
JUMP, Jeff! JUMP!!
NOW, Slide!! SLIDE!!
Hey, that's.... Yes! Just ahead! Now is my chance...
Poo, I'll get these Lifenoodles to you, no matter what!
As hard as I can... With all of my strength... Please, let this work!
Please!! Don't miss!!!
CRACK!!!
B-BE MORE CAREFUL! THAT'S STILL MY BODY, YOU KNOW!!
S-S-Sorry, my hand slipped I swear ..

Sorry, Poo, but I can't stop to help you up just yet. Honestly, I'm not even sure if my plan worked, but...I have to keep moving, otherwise I'm done for
So until I can find Ness and Paula s bodies,..
Please, hang in there!
Huff, huff... This is bad I can't tell if the others are still behind me. .
Maybe Ness and Paula are with Poo? Does that mean I'm alone? Then, the rat ..
Gah...! No, stop! You can do this, Jeff!!
Pull yourself together and stay focused!
Ah! Here he comes again. ! W Which way should I dodge. ..? Think... Think...!
SHAAAAAAAAAA!!!!

CRAAAAACK!!!!
H....HURK...
...M-My ribs!
KKKKYAAAAAAAAAAAAHHHHHHHHHH!!!!!!!!

BOOOOOOOOOOOOM!!!
A- Ah,..! You ..
CRAAAAAS!
To think, I'd be careless enough to let a coward like you knock me out...
sizzle
Unnnn....gh...
THAT is for hitting me in the back.

By the time we're through with you, you'll be begging for mercy
Yeaaaah!
Let's get 'em!!
Pests! Now dare they ruin my plan...& I was SOO close!! First he resists the evil influence, now he interrupts my high speed smash attack... I'LL SHOW HIM!!
SHEE SHEE SHEEEEEE!
Actually, I'll put that on hold for now...
I think I just found where I hid my "insurance"...
Master Ness! Jeff, we have to hurry!
So this was part of his plan, too...
I see. Poo, don't worry
You can leave this one...to me.

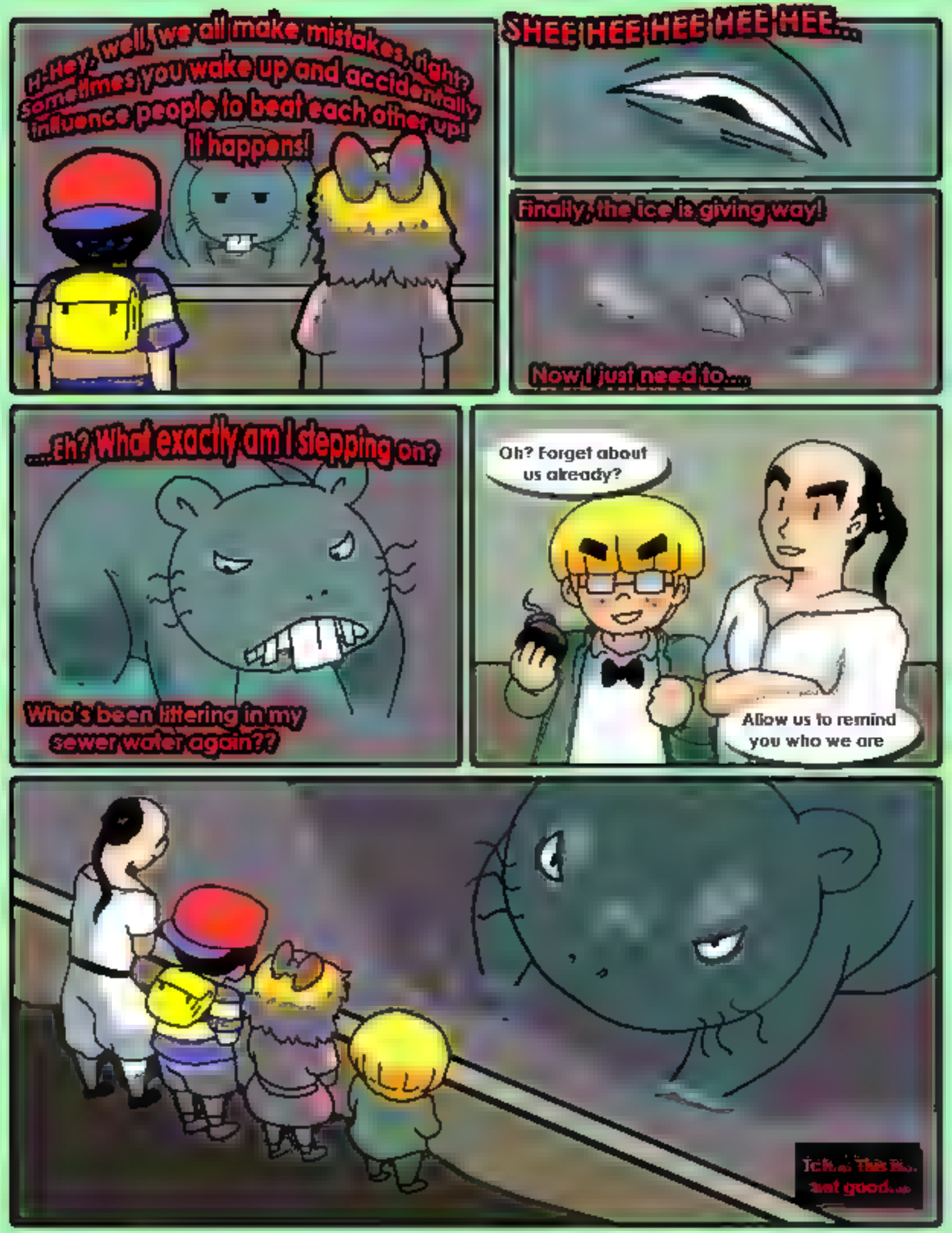
One shot... That's all I need!
BOOOOOOM!
SHEEEEEEEEEW!
Shaaaaahaha! That wasn't even close!!
HE SHOT HIM IN THE FACE...
...WITH NOODLES!!!!
klunk
gulp
...right on target.
only one more to go.
My... My poor body, is... *sniff* *hic*
Paula, what's...
J-Jeff... *sniff*
Please, don't bring me back...
I'll stay as a ghost forever

Those were the most delicious noodles... I've ever eaten.
It's as if they've warmed my entire body and soul.
Paula... I bet she'd really enjoy these as well...
Don't worry, I'll be right there....
shhhhhrrrrr!!! I can't believe it! I am lacking in BELIEF!!
It's over Just give up already.
I don't know why I let myself act like I did, but...
SPLASH
There's no way I'm going to leave you behind!
Paula, we're going to get out of here... The four of us, together as a team!
CRASH!

We'll be out soon, and then we can put this mess behind us...
Here, these noodles will make you feel better... They're really good!
N-Ness, I-thanks..
It's okay, eat slowly... Jeff and Poo will buy us some extra time.
Y-Y-You brat! What do you think you're doing now?!
You're too quick for your own good. I'm going to put a stop to that.
CLINK
E...H?
E..HEH...???
Now just sit and wait
We'll take care of you soon enough.

Don't worry, Paula...
We'll get you dried up in no time!
N-Ness...
...What have I been doing all this time...
It's okay! For now, just take it easy!
I know this isn't much, but...
N-No... This is just fine...
I'm feeling much better already...
Because I was selfish and weak hearted, I let this happen... I don't even remember what I was so mad about anymore!
Still, Ness is being so kind to me! I want to be stronger so I can protect these precious bonds
SHHHHUUUURKKKK...
I'm gonna be sick! What torture, freezing my feet and then making me listen to this!!
you... You are heartless!!
SHOVE
Urk!! I think I upset her...

HYURK!! H-Hey, don't be so rough!
SPLASH
I have a very pitiful story... You see...
Uh...Oh! One time, someone told me I looked like a peanut! Oooh... How tragic!!
Before then, I was a saint!
HEEEEELP!!!!
Like the time I sealed all the Stinky Ghosts' cans to prevent major stinkage!
Or the time I helped spread Master Giygas' evil influuhhh... Er, moving along...
Or what about the times I stepped on the smaller rats....
Uh....Oh, wait, you should pretend I didn't say that.
Huh. I guess the rumors are true. I really am a jerk.
This is a surprise to no one.


H-Hey, well, we all make mistakes, right? Sometimes you wake up and accidentally influence people to beat each other up! It happens!
SHEE HEE HEE HEE HEE...
Finally, the ice is giving way!
Now I just need to....
....Eh? What exactly am I stepping on?
Who's been littering in my sewer water again??
Oh? Forget about us already?
Allow us to remind you who we are
Tch... This is... not good...

with our power united...
..We'll never lose!!
It's time to put an end to this.
Shee shee shee... Are you even trying to hit me?
SHOOOOM
KRACK
Now's my chance! Taste the wrath of DOOOOOM!!

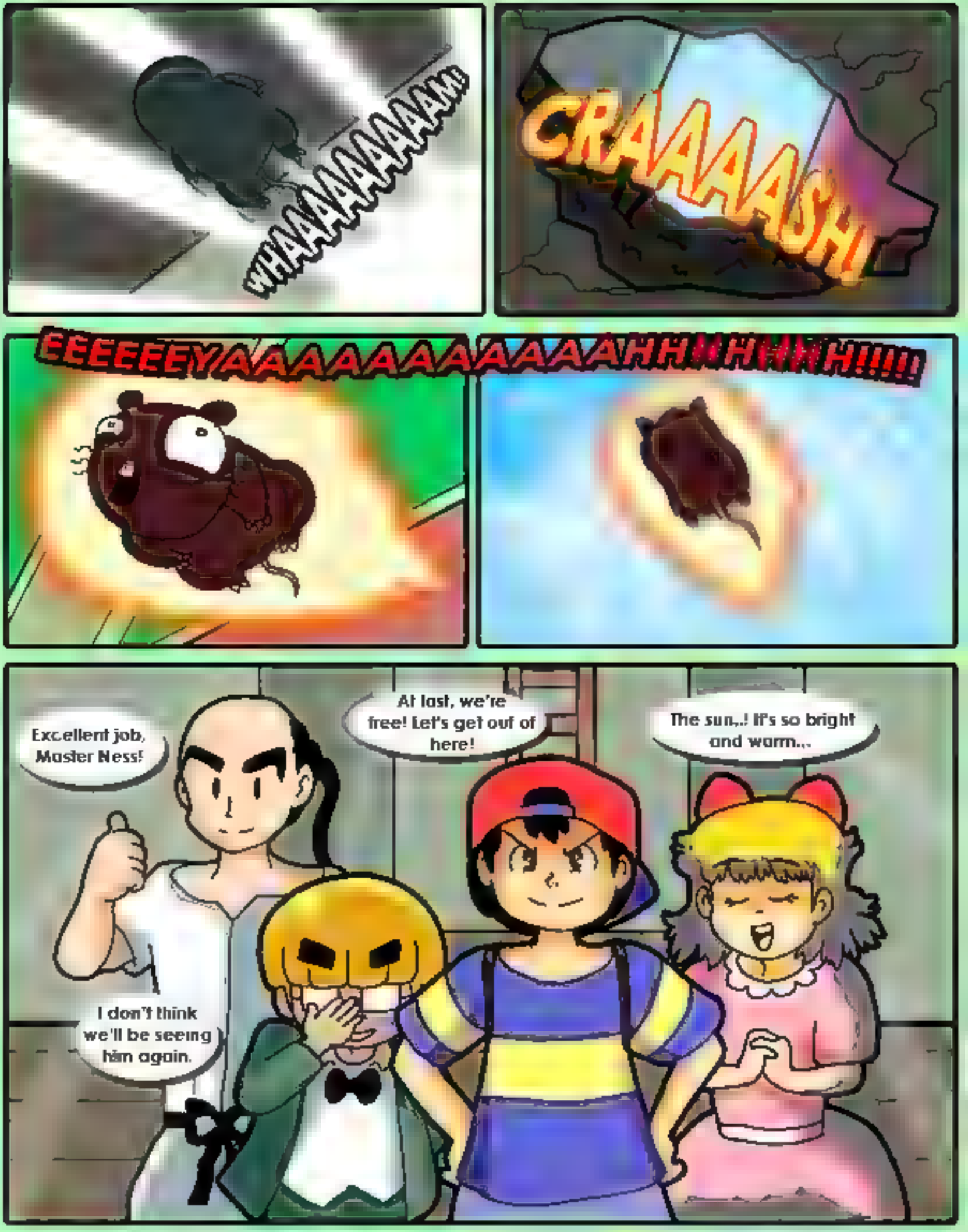
A-Ack! W-Where is this disgusting light coming from?!
KAAAABOOOOOOM!
G...Grack...
M-My body... Feels so light...
A-Am I...flying?

Here it comes!!
FSU FIIIIIIIREEEEEEE!!!!!
YEAAAAAAARGH!!!!
Hurk... I... I'm flame-broiled...
cough
hack
I... I give up...
Please don't do this...
It's far too late for that. The time for showing you mercy has long passed.
Accept your punishment, so that you may atone for your sins in your next life...
AAAAASH!!!

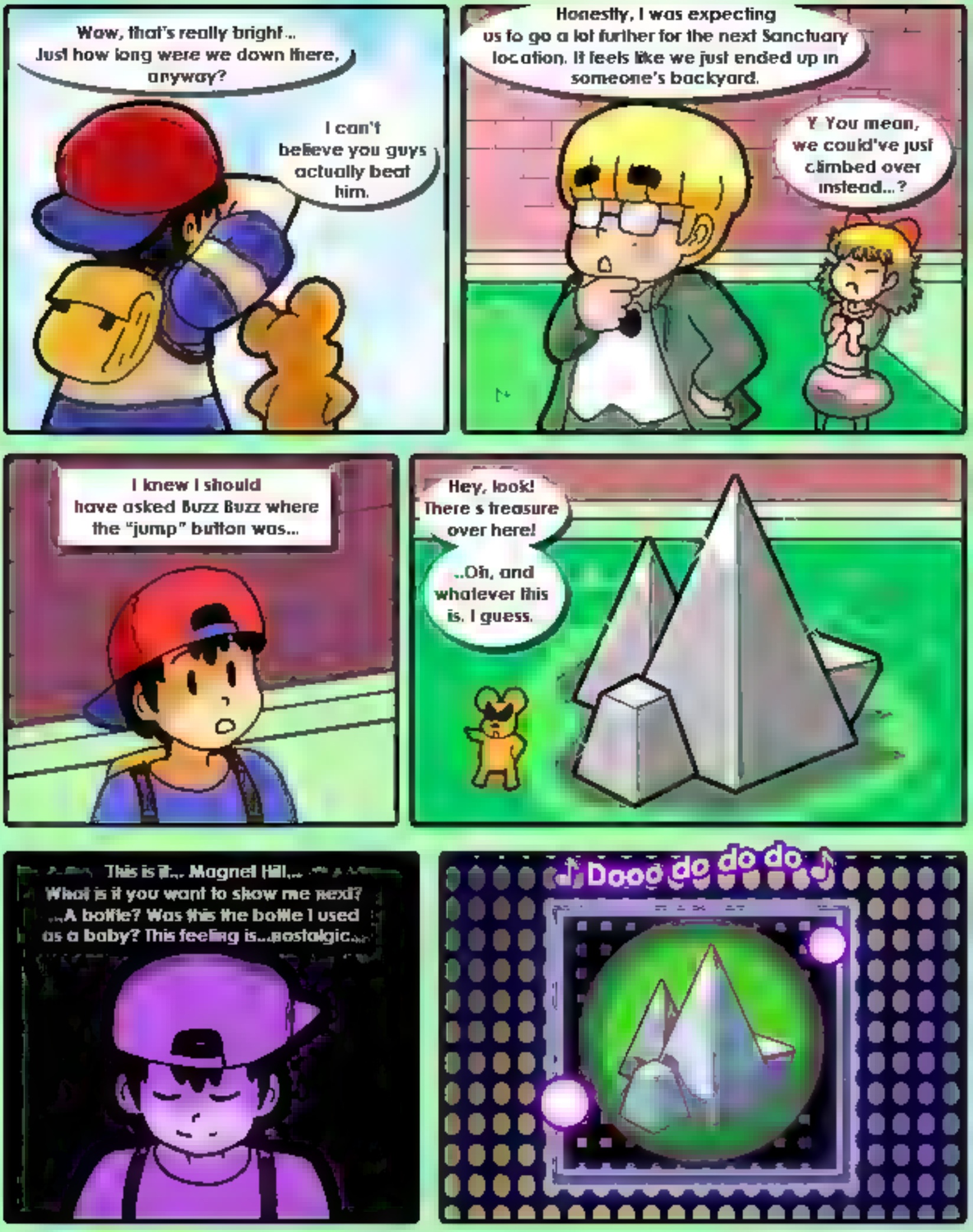
Ness! He's all yours! Show us a grand slam!!
Ness!!! You can do it!
Master Ness! I leave the rest to you!

Oh, baby!
Ness' Guts temporarily went up to max!
I-This is... gonna hurt...
HYAAAAAAAAAAAAHHHHHH!!!!

PSI
SMAAAAAAAAASH!!


WHAAAAAAAAAM!
CRAAAAASH!
EEEEEEEYAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAHHHHHHHHH!!!!!
Excellent job, Master Ness!
At last, we're free! Let's get out of here!
The sun...! It's so bright and warm...
I don't think we'll be seeing him again.

Fourside... I never thought, I'd reclaim what Monotoli once stole from me. Now that I, Enrich Flavor, am back in office, the city has regained its sanity. Could we really be returning to an era of peace?
Hm? What is that? A meteor...?
¡WAAAAAAHHHHHH!!!! I AM NOT A METEOOOOOOR!!!
Oh! Silly me. It's not a meteor. Let me take a closer look, then..
Ms. Pennybottoms. Cancel all of my appointments for today
ping
Are you feeling okay, Mr. Flavor? You sound awful.. ! Should I call for a doctor?
Contact my personal therapist... Tell him I'll be there shortly..


Wow, that's really bright...
Just how long were we down there, anyway?
I can't believe you guys actually beat him.
Honestly, I was expecting us to go a lot further for the next Sanctuary location. It feels like we just ended up in someone's backyard.
Y You mean, we could've just climbed over instead...?
I knew I should have asked Buzz Buzz where the "jump" button was...
Hey, look! There s treasure over here!
..Oh, and whatever this is. I guess.
This is it... Magnet Hill... What is it you want to show me next? ...A bottle? Was this the bottle I used as a baby? This feeling is...nostalgic...
Dooo do do do

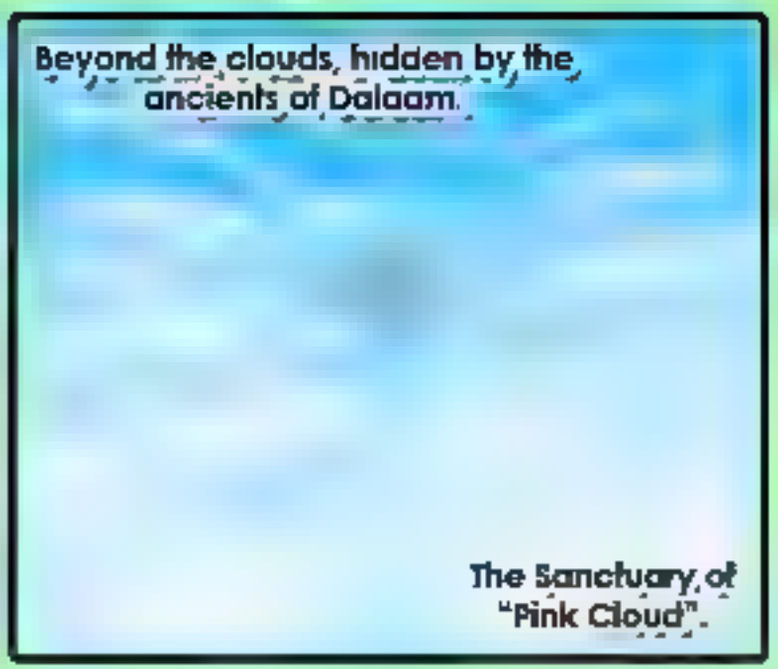
Amazing, Master Ness... You are able to communicate with the planet?
I don't know how it works, but... collecting this melody is the only clue Buzz Buzz left me before he died.

Forget the melody THIS is our ticket right here!
I bet if you eat this magic carrot, you'll be invincible!

There's Dalaamese writing on the side. "Carrot Key"...?
Hm... Maybe...

Master Ness, I think I may know where the next Sanctuary is located. In a manner of speaking, this carrot is the "key" to our next destination.
Oooh, it's so sparkly
Imagine what I could make out of this material!

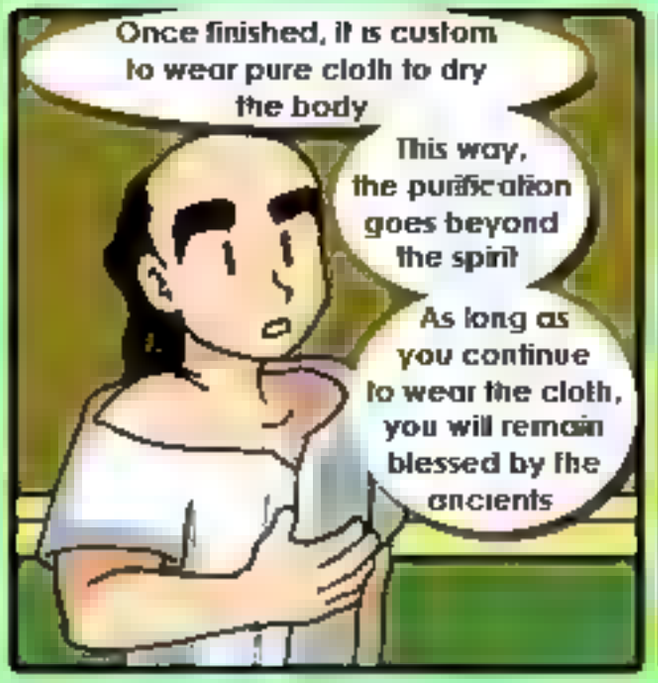
I had not intended on returning until this journey ended, but... I am certain "that place" hides another Sanctuary...


Beyond the clouds, hidden by the ancients of Dalaam.
The Sanctuary of "Pink Cloud".

Please wait one moment. I will teleport us to Dalaam in an instant.
Okay, let's.. ...Uh, wait, what? This is the place in my dream! That was...fast!!
No way... We traveled this far in just the blink of an eye?
W Wait, I wasn't ready to leave!
It is essential that the ability to teleport is passed down by our people
Dalaam cannot be reached by normal means. Thus, before one can travel to the outside world, mastery of high level teleportation is needed
Please, allow me to show you my home. There is someone you should meet.
KYAAAAA!! PRINCE POO!!!!
Priiiince~♥♥ You've returned!
Eeee! I'll go get the fan club!!
I don't know what's going on anymore.
I think Poo's getting mauled...
It's not fair...

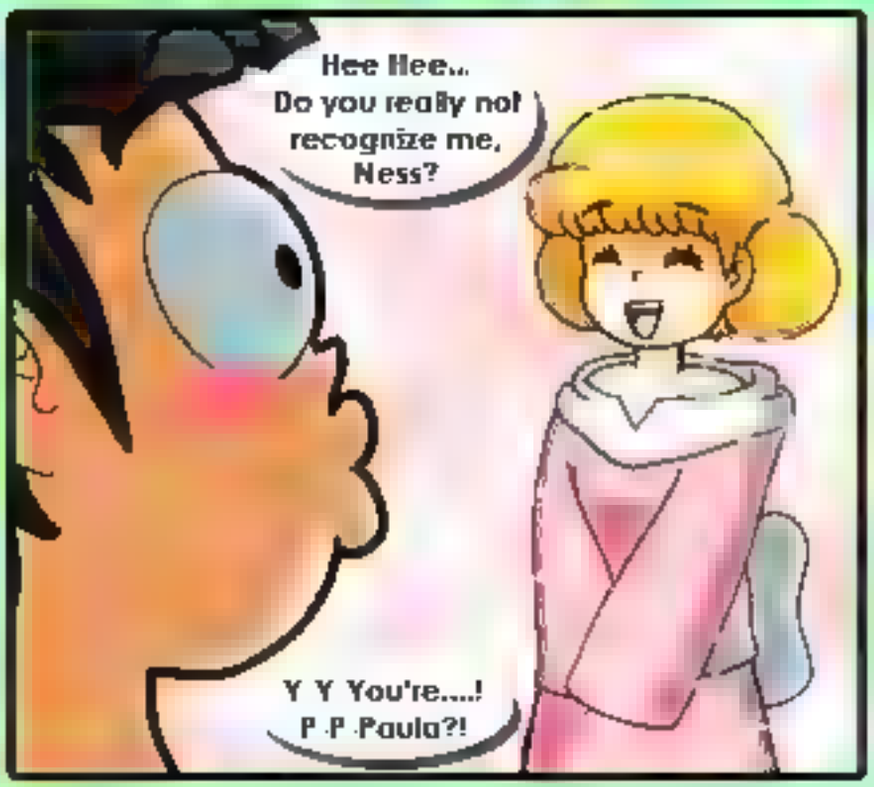
A. As you can see, I am popular with my people. However, I still have a long way to go before I can meet their expectations
That is why I have been training under him...
He is the source of my strength.
...Master. Please forgive my sudden return, but there is someone I want you to meet.
Ah, yes. I knew this day would come.
You there, please come forward.
Ah..okay
Please, accept my thanks for opening this boy's heart. For someone plagued with such strong stink lines, I sense kindness in you.
S...Stink lines??
I will have the servants prepare a bath for yr.
HUUUURK! The smell is choking me!!
...Oh. Right. Stink lines...
Waaaaaah!!!! Thank yo! sooooo MUUUUUCH!!

Whew...
This is MUCH better. The last thing we need is to be remembered for how badly we smell...
Ahh...
This reminds me of the baths back in Winters.
In our culture, these baths are a way to purify one's body
Regardless of status, we all soak in the same spiritual water

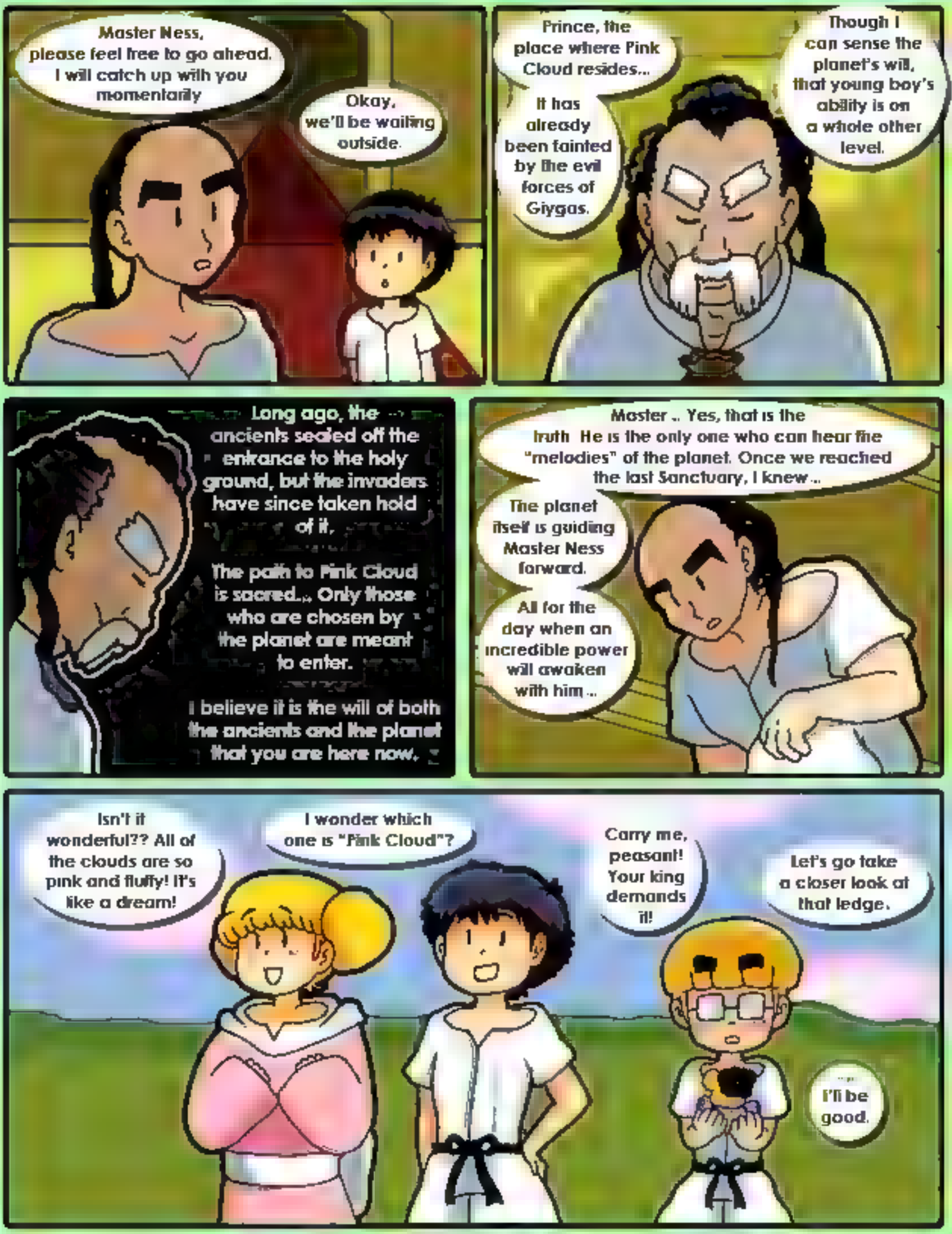

Once finished, it is custom to wear pure cloth to dry the body
This way, the purification goes beyond the spirit
As long as you continue to wear the cloth, you will remain blessed by the ancients

Ah...um.., okay, but...
...Do we really have to "bless" our hair, too...?

Well, at least we don't smell anymore! Now we just have to find Paula and discuss our next step.
Excuse me, miss, have you seen ..


Hee Hee... Do you really not recognize me, Ness?
Y Y You're....! P-P-Paula?!

...So, now that we're all together, let me fill you in. There is a place in Dalaam known as Pink Cloud. It is a spiritual spot long sealed by the ancients.
Then, you think this place holds another Sanctuary?
Correct. The power of that previous spot combined with the key we found... I believe this was placed there to guide us.
Another Sanctuary... Do you think we're ready? We were almost beaten last time...
We know now that even we aren't immune to Giygas' influence. If our hearts falter even slightly, that will be the end
Just a brief moment of doubt was all it took to lose control. Ness... I'm sorry for the way I acted...
It's okay Paula. Ness was a total jerk, too.
..Look who's talking.
I don't know what you're talking about.
I am always a perfect gentleman.


Master Ness, please feel free to go ahead. I will catch up with you momentarily
Okay, we'll be waiting outside.
Prince, the place where Pink Cloud resides...
It has already been tainted by the evil forces of Giygas.
Though I can sense the planet's will, that young boy's ability is on a whole other level.
Long ago, the ancients sealed off the entrance to the holy ground, but the invaders have since taken hold of it.
The path to Pink Cloud is sacred... Only those who are chosen by the planet are meant to enter.
I believe it is the will of both the ancients and the planet that you are here now.
Master .. Yes, that is the truth He is the only one who can hear the "melodies" of the planet. Once we reached the last Sanctuary, I knew ..
The planet itself is guiding Master Ness forward.
All for the day when an incredible power will awaken with him ..
Isn't it wonderful?? All of the clouds are so pink and fluffy! It's like a dream!
I wonder which one is "Pink Cloud"?
Carry me, peasant! Your king demands it!
Let's go take a closer look at that ledge.
... I'll be good.

Sorry to keep you waiting, Master Ness.
In order to get to the Sanctuary, we must head to the base of Dalaam, closest to the source of the clouds.
AAHHHIIIIY PRINCEEEEEEEE
Yes, yes ...Please, I do not have time for this. We are on an important journey
All of the people are staring... I guess we must really stand out huh?
I-I c c can't understand... Uh,...uhm... Why is she touching my hair??
She thinks you are a "Child of the Sun", because of your golden hair
Those born with golden hair in Dalaam are blessed from birth to lead us into enlightenment.
When we pass on the royal family and the blessed are then buried here, closest to Pink Cloud
Wow! So, all of your ancestors are buried here? ...And some of them were rabbits??
Ah...uh.. Not quite... I actually have no idea why those are there,..

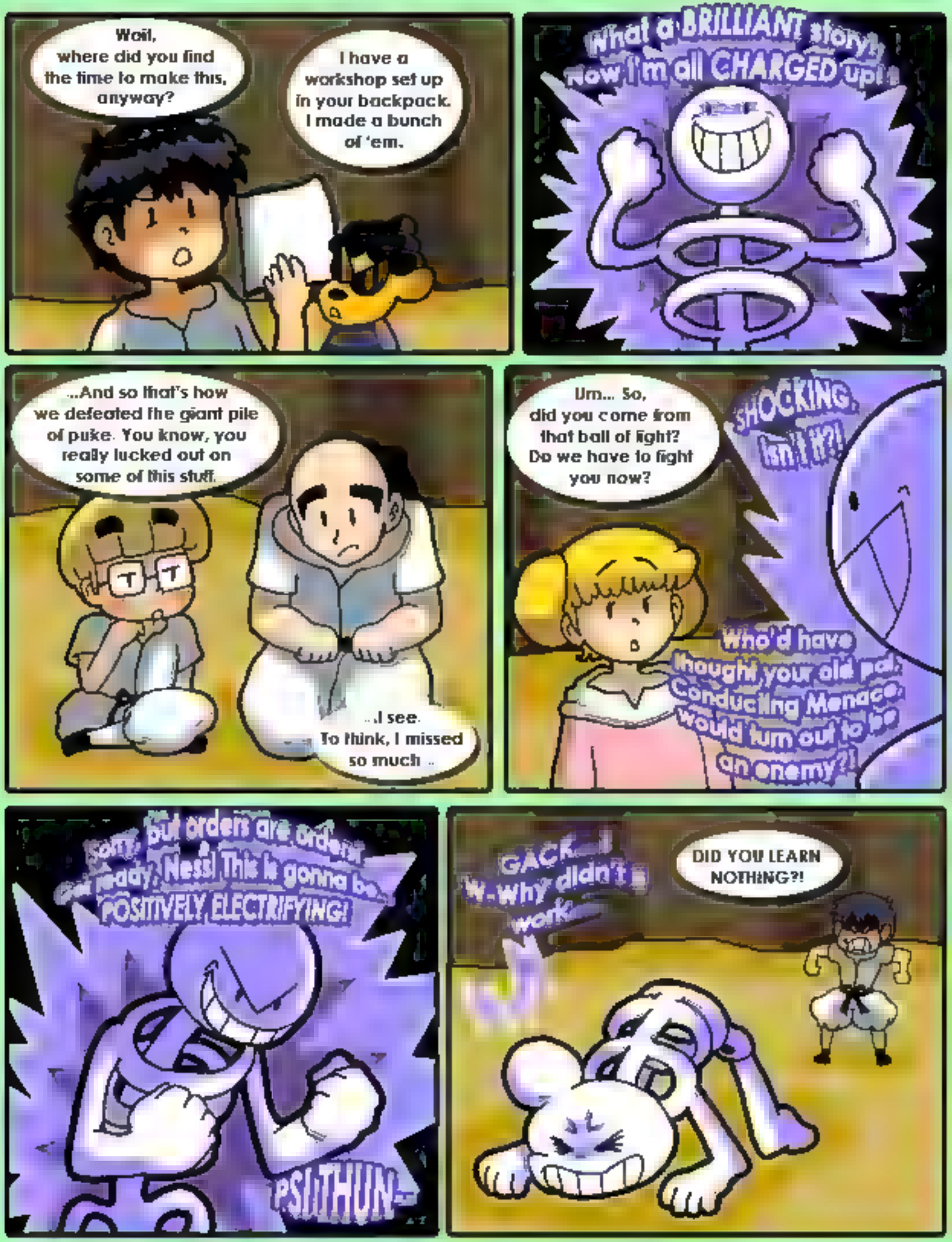
Well, here goes. .
I sure hope your ancestors like carrots.
How strange!
The rabbits and carrot disappeared all at once!
It appears we have been deemed worthy of entering.
This place feels...ancient
We must stop Giygas' forces before they desecrate this ground any further
Please excuse us, spirits...
..What's that?
Hmph... I suppose they don t intend to waste any time, either
...Very well.
Be on your guard. Only the toughest of foes would ever conquer Dalaam s sacred ground.
-You confront the Thunder Mite.
"Toughest of foes", huh...?
I expected something a little less...fluffy-...

CRASH!
BANG!
That sort of attack won't work on me!
Take it back!!
PLINK
ZAAAAAAAP!
Heh heh! Piece of cake!
Oh! The Franklin Badge!
Seeing it brings back so many memories!
For those of you who weren't here, let me fill you in
You see, there once was a boy who looked like this..
W-What are you doing?! That's not.
Sssshhh Ness, let him tell the story!
B-B-But Sacred ground! Sanctuary! This isn't
Master Ness, I, too, would like to hear how you and Paula first met
If you're going to interrupt, go waif outside! We're trying to listen!

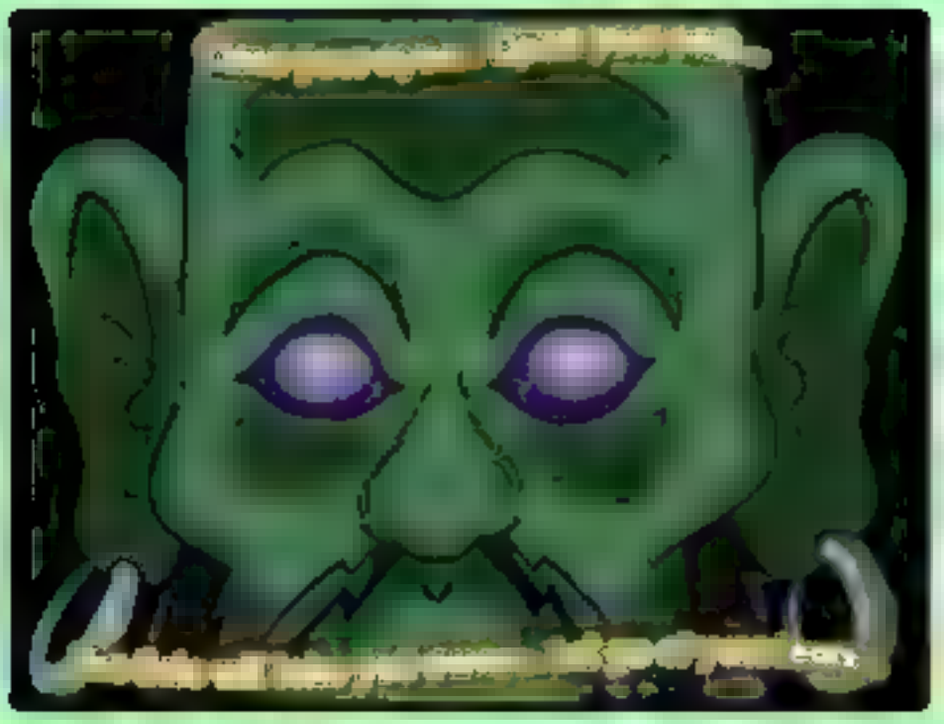
Back when our adventure first began, Ness encountered a man named "Carpainter", leader of the Happy-Happists.
Carpainter's goons kidnapped Paula, who lived nearby the village.
Locked away, Paula could only call for help. It seemed all hope was lost.
That is...
...until Ness showed up.

Although he tried to cheer her up, Ness failed miserably. Seriously, he really did this.
Ness and Paula quickly developed a special bond both emotionally and...uh, psychically, I guess.
Oh, and Carpainter? Yeah, we totally trashed his headquarters! Those blue guys were seeing black and blue by the time Ness was finished. Of course, I saved the day in the end.
...Yeah, I'm pretty sure that's how it went.

After we kicked his butt, Carpainter had a change of heart and the statue disappeared.
Later, Paula got kidnapped again by another guy possessed by the statue.
Anyway, that's the story of how Ness and Paula met. Then they held hands or something. The End. ...Now let me tell you about the time Ness wet the bed.
I hope you can still tell stories with a straight face.
...On second thought, let's leave that one for another time.

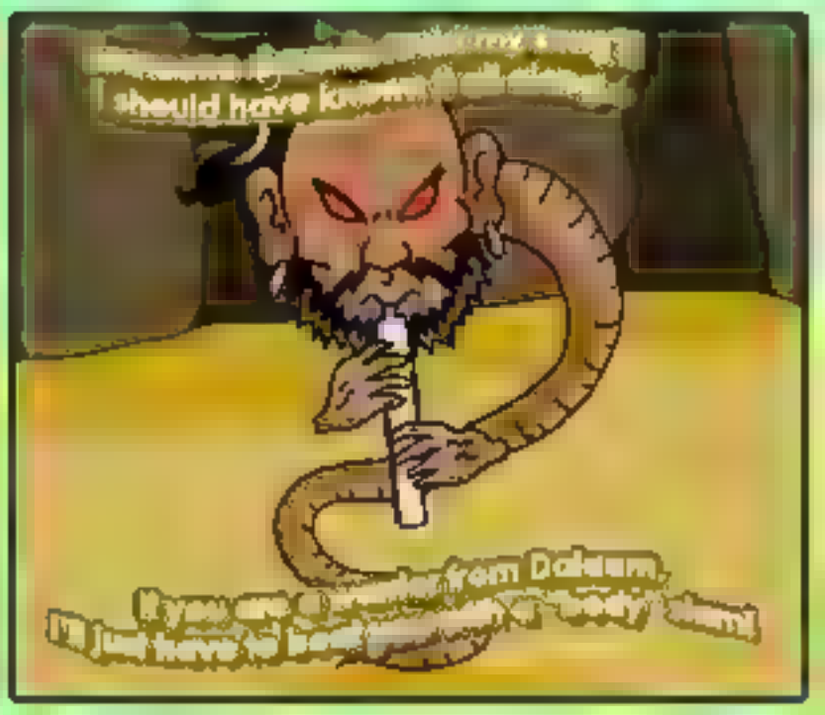

Wait, where did you find the time to make this, anyway?
I have a workshop set up in your backpack. I made a bunch of 'em.
What a BRILLIANT story! Now I'm all CHARGED up!
...And so that's how we defeated the giant pile of puke. You know, you really lucked out on some of this stuff.
...I see. To think, I missed so much...
Um... So, did you come from that ball of light? Do we have to fight you now?
SHOCKING, isn't it?!
Who'd have thought your old pal Conducting Menace would turn out to be an enemy?!
Sorry, but orders are orders! Get ready, Ness! This is gonna be POSITIVELY ELECTRIFYING!
PSIITHUN—
GACK... W-Why didn't it work...
DID YOU LEARN NOTHING?!

....Okay, then. I guess we'd better not ask questions and just keep moving. Looks like we're going up.
I do not understand why they sent such weak enemies to keep us from Pink Cloud. This is an insult to my ancestors.
Buddy never look a gift horse in the mouth.
...Namely because they have awful breath
Urf.. W Why can't this cave just be one giant ground level??
This RPG is called "Earthbound", not "Musclebound", you know!
Oh no, this is horrible...!
H He RHYMES!!



M. My body feels so weird...
M. My head...! It hurts..!
Urgh.. My stomach...
Ahhh... What a familiar tune... It reminds me of when I was a child ..

You're not affected by the song?
What??
WHAT??
WHAT????
"Affected"? How so? This music is a traditional
I said, it's
I SAID


I should have

To be so vengeful even your spirit would be manipulated... I'll beat you back to your place in the after life!
As long as you fight with such a tainted spirit...
I will never lose!! Now leave this world, and disgrace Dalaam no longer!
SMAAAAASH!
BWOOOOOOOSH
THAT DOESN'T EVEN RHYME!!!

Wow! That was really impressive!
Worry not, Master Ness. There is no enemy I cannot
SMOOOOOOOOCH
P Poo...? Y You okay...?
Uh... uhh
That... face...
Tee hee! I haven't had Dalaamese in ages!
And the one next to you, he...
Is soooo cute ♥♥♥~~!
Why, don't you come up and see me sometime, lover boy? ♥♥♥
WHY ARE YOU WHAT YOU ARE?!
Don't be shy, now, my~
SHUT YOUR MOUTH!!! HE'S TAKEN!!
SPLOOOOORG!

..gasp...
Not bad, honey... I admit defeat, I'll leave him alone.. Besides, he's not exactly my type...

I like my men to have beady eyes, a big nose, and a stringy 'stache..

Oh..
Um, well, I guess you're not such a bad...mouth.. after all.

Goodness, no! They may call me the "Kiss of Death", but I'm all heart hon

In fact, maybe I can help you with your little man over there..!

Poo, it'll be okay! You're still a bit damp, but otherwise unharmed!

...Was it male...or female.. Either way, my innocence... ..is lost.

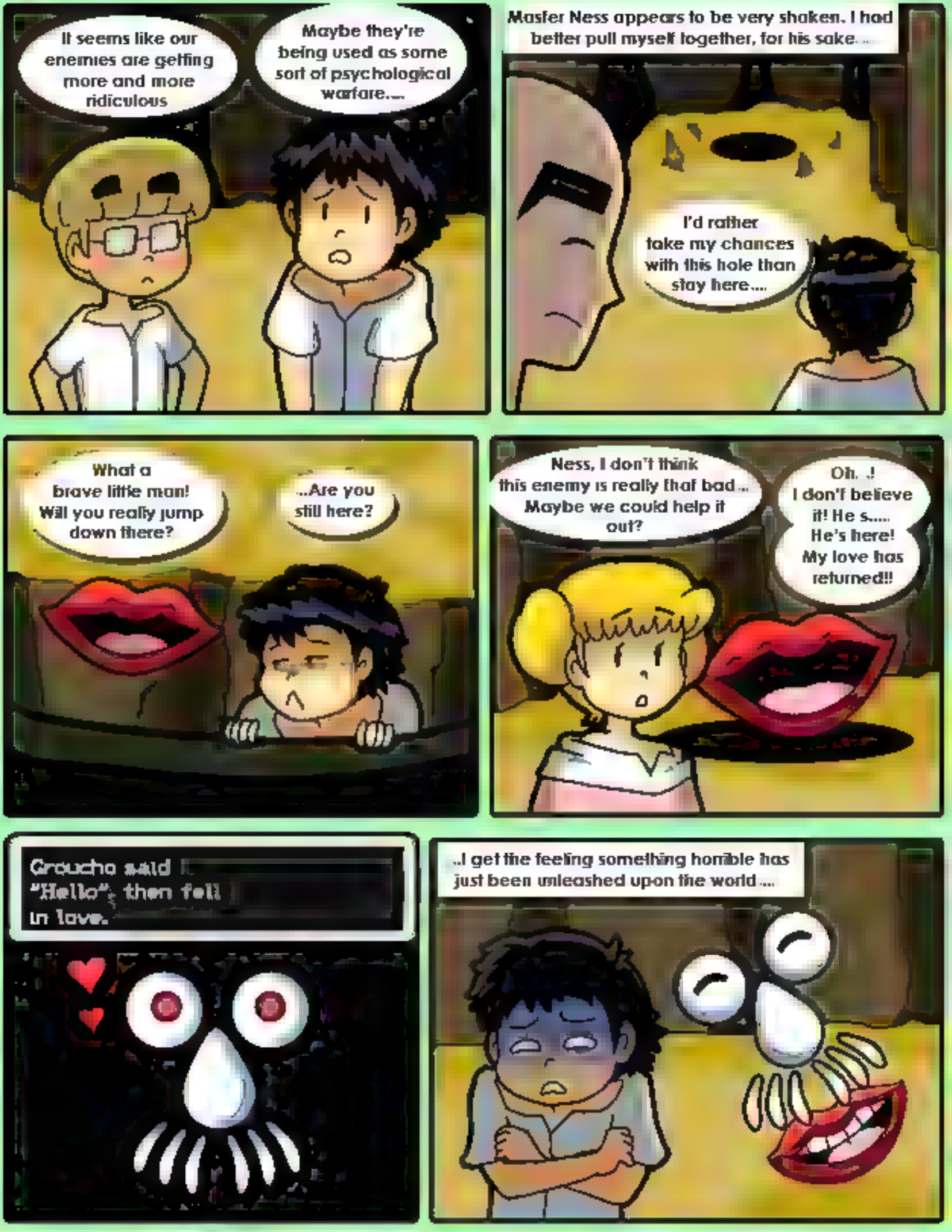
I don't think I've ever expected the day would come where I'd see a giant mouth suck a man's face, but...here we are.

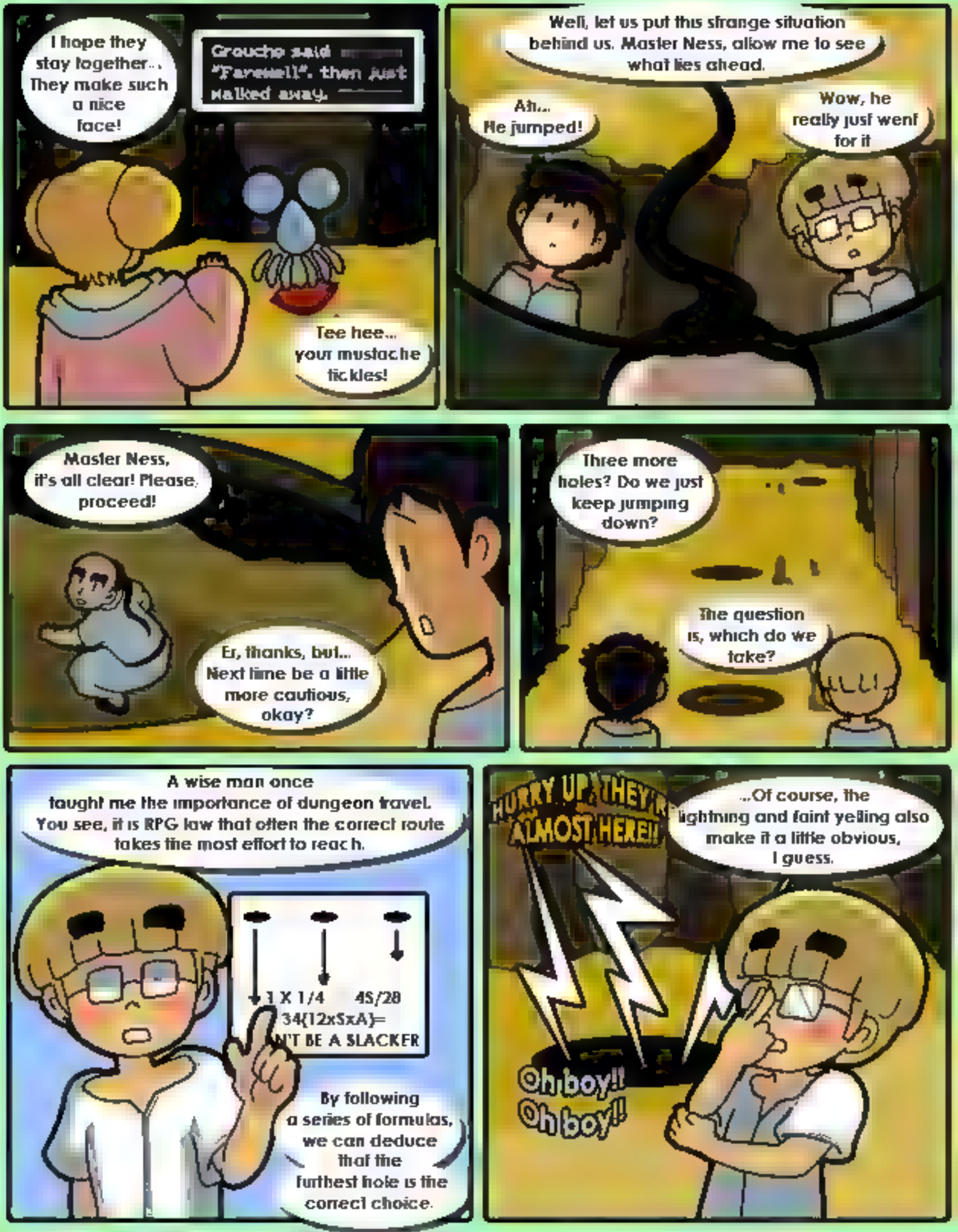
Ness, um...could you come here for a moment?

Oh, Paula, you beat that mouth up already? I'll be right over!

Well, Ness? What do you think? Does it make me look more like a woman? ..Ness? Why are you sobbing uncontrollably?

He's speechless honey!


It seems like our enemies are getting more and more ridiculous
Maybe they're being used as some sort of psychological warfare....
Master Ness appears to be very shaken. I had better pull myself together, for his sake...
I'd rather take my chances with this hole than stay here....
What a brave little man! Will you really jump down there?
...Are you still here?
Ness, I don't think this enemy is really that bad... Maybe we could help it out?
Oh. .! I don't believe it! He s..... He's here! My love has returned!!
Groucho said "Hello", then fell in love.
..I get the feeling something horrible has just been unleashed upon the world ....


I hope they stay together... They make such a nice face!
Groucho said "Farewell", then just walked away.
Tee hee... your mustache tickles!
Well, let us put this strange situation behind us. Master Ness, allow me to see what lies ahead.
Ah... He jumped!
Wow, he really just went for it
Master Ness, it's all clear! Please proceed!
Er, thanks, but... Next time be a little more cautious, okay?
Three more holes? Do we just keep jumping down?
The question is, which do we take?
A wise man once taught me the importance of dungeon travel. You see, it is RPG law that often the correct route takes the most effort to reach.
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N'T BE A SLACKER
By following a series of formulas, we can deduce that the furthest hole is the correct choice.
HURRY UP, THEY'RE ALMOST HERE!!
...Of course, the lightning and faint yelling also make it a little obvious, I guess.
Oh boy!! Oh boy!!

there they are
there they are!!
This is it...
Our time has come...
Let's get right to it!
We'll take them completely
by surprise...
Fufufu...!
they'll never know
what hit 'em...!
Weeeelcome!
Weeeelcome!
We've been
expecting you!!
Please sit back
and enjoy the show!!
W Why is it that
the only thing I find strange
about this is where the
confetti is falling from. .?

Oh, Storm! Listen to this! One of the higher-ups has an idea to build a "Thunder Tower", and I hear he's hiring helpers!
Ohooo? Is that so, Thunder?
That's so, that's so! It's really exciting news! Finally, I can get myself a steady job!
Wait... Don't you already have a job?
Yes, yes.... But being a Sanctuary boss pays so little. My poor kids, they're starving... It's brutal, you know?
Hoooooh... It's a harsh world....
The poor tykes...
Plus it'll give me a chance to show off my greatest skills!
So then you applied for "Electrician", huh?
Electrician? No, I applied for "Plumber"....
what the heck?!
FWAP!
...

No reaction? Hmmm... Tough crowd. If we're going to knock them out with laughter, we'll have to use our "A" material.
Hooo... We're going to use "that", huh?
THAT is right!! Oh, I almost fear for our hapless friends here.
Won't somebody think of the children??
That's it! These kids need our help, and I know just what to give them.
Some delicious Rock Candy?
No, no! I'll give them some...
SHOCK therapy!
BOOOOO!!! You're awful!!
Try telling one that doesn't suck!
T-They're booing us....
They're still cheering for us... in our hearts....

I don't get it, they should be unconscious by now! Hey, you! Give it up already!!
Unforgivable....
First you disgrace sacred ground, and then you say such ridiculous things in my presence...
Who's this kid? Hey, don't interrupt our set, unless you want to get punished!
If you're going to get so fired up, prepare to get burned!
Ah, hey, don't grab--
AAAAAAAA

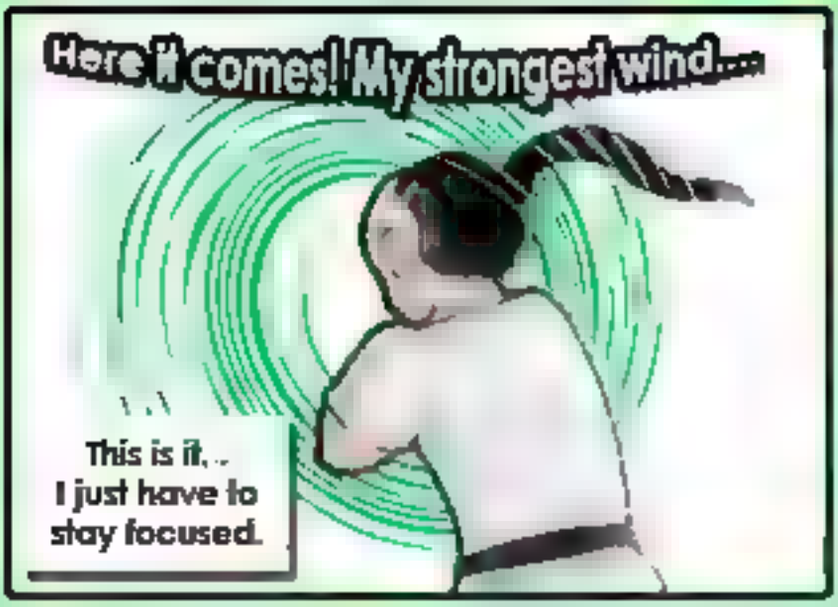
Kyaaaaaahhh! My backdrop!!!
Let that be a lesson to you.
Ooo... I-I'm so dizzy... Everything is spinning...
Wow they really must have made Poo angry...
Can't say I blame him. They didn't just insult him, they insulted his family's honor
Don't think I'll let you off that easily. I'm going to beat every bit of honor stolen from my people out of you.
YOU? Beat ME?!
Kyeheheh... I've been doing this for longer than you've been alive, junior. Do you know how many times I've been heckled?!
Now, you will learn the true meaning of DEFEAT!
Come, Storm! Let's combine our power!!
S-Sorry, partner, it's over for me... T-That last attack was too much... Now I must leave this mortal coil..... This is the end... ...Goo...d....b....ye.....
Y-YOU'RE ALREADY DEAD!!! YOU CAN'T DIE ANY FURTHER!! GET UP!!

Hmph, fine...
If that's how it has to be, then I'll just show you why they call me Thunder!
Just incase you were wondering, they used to call me Jerry.
Soon they'll be calling you "Gets punched in the face"
Poo, wait! Stand back and let me handle this one!
M-Master Ness! It's okay I can...
We're a team, right? An insult to you is an insult to all of us! My Franklin Badge will teach him a lesson!
GYAAAHHHH, IT REFLECTED BACK!! SO MUCH PAIN!!!
WHY DOES THIS HURT SO MUCH?! I'M A THUNDER SPIRIT!! I AM LITERALLY MADE OF LIGHTNING!!
Hey, it worked! I hate to say it, but I think I'm actually ...shocked!
I...I severely underestimated him.... H...He's g-good....

N-No way, they beat Thunder...?
H-Hey now, that isn't very funny....
...Neither is being thrown into walls...

In fact, if I had to say exactly how I feel about being thrown into walls...
I'd say... it makes me... REALLY...MAD.
You'll pay for ruining my good mood!

The harsh winds are raging.... Prepare to be blown away!
STORM
VS
POO
Give it your best shot! I'll knock the wind out of you!

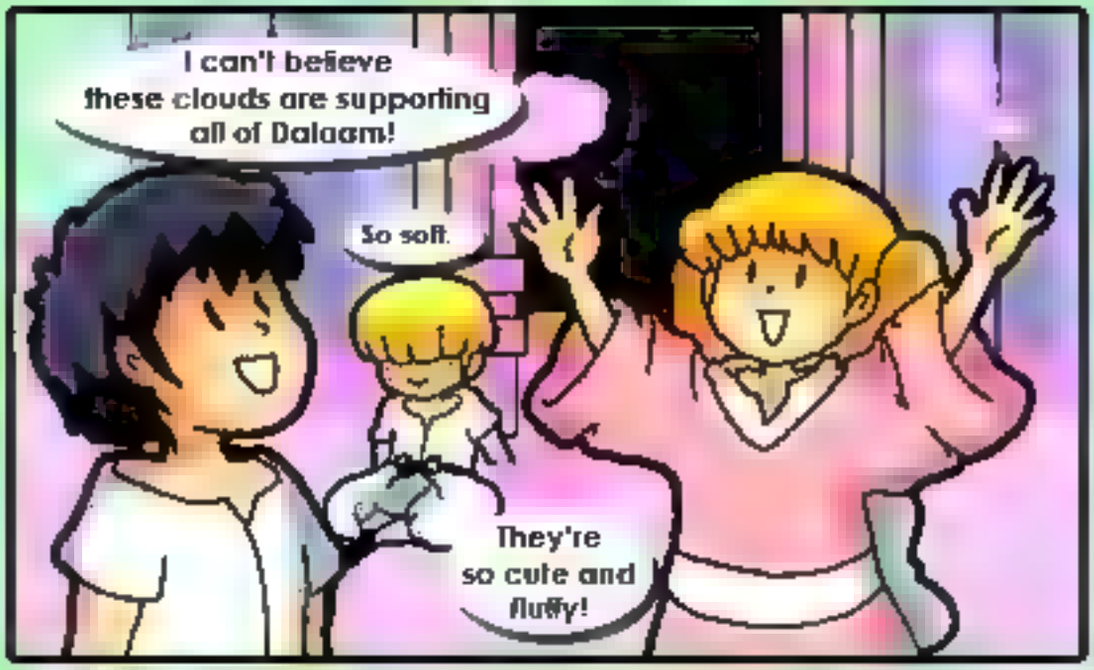

Here it comes! My strongest wind...
This is it... I just have to stay focused.

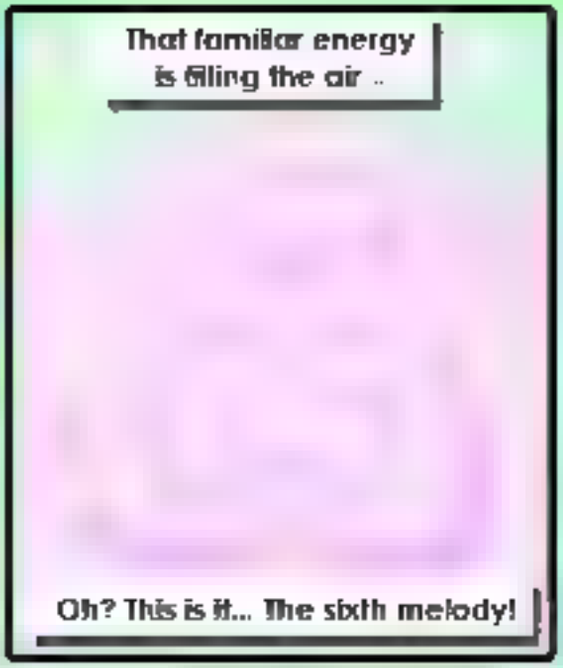
Feel the wrath...of the STORM!
FWOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOSH

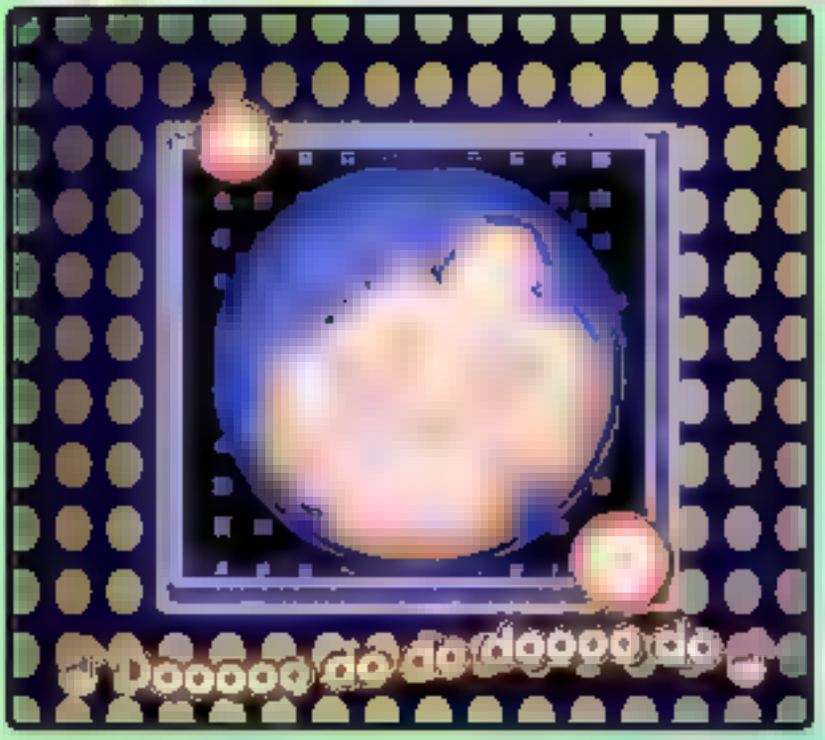
How long do you think you can hang in there? It's only a matter of time before you'll lose yourself in my eternal storm!
It is futile! You will struggle alone, until you give--
WOOOOOOOSH
Guuuurg!
Hey! Poo isn't alone! Ignore us and you're gonna get burned!
Er, Paula, you should say that BEFORE setting him on fire...
N-No way... "gonna get burned"? S-She's good...
W-What kind of hero are you??
the "kick you while you're down" kind!
To think, such dangerous children exist..! Master Giygas, your foes are fearsome indeed...
Please, sit back and relax. Now that I've seen how weak he is, this battle is won.

This "battle" is already over
Give up, and spare yourself further humiliation
This isn't over yet! Master Glygas had faith in us for a reason!
My trusty leaf... Let us create the PERFECT STOOORM!!!
Aw, nuts.
Sizzle, sizzle
This is your last chance.
Let's rumble, baldy!
That ignorance of yours... I'll pierce right through it!
T-This is incredibly unpleasant.

I take it you'll be giving up now?
We were no match... As fighters, we were a joke...
...but a true comedian never gives up...
...Especially when handed such a perfect PUNCHline!
I will END YOU!!
GYAAAAHHHHH!!!!
Wait, it's already over? I didn't get to do anything..
Ho ho...hurk... my funny bone...
It's all cracked up...
...seriously though, I'm dyin' here...
P-Please stop swinging me around! I get air sick easily!!
I've heard of...tough Poo before, but...this is ridiculous!
We'll go on ahead! Best to leave the rest to Poo.
So this is Pink Cloud...
It's very relaxing, isn't it..?
GYAAAAAARGHHHH!! MY SPLEEEEEEN!!
I mean, when you ignore the screams.


I can't believe these clouds are supporting all of Dalaam!
So soft.
They're so cute and fluffy!


That familiar energy is filling the air ..
Oh? This is it... The sixth melody!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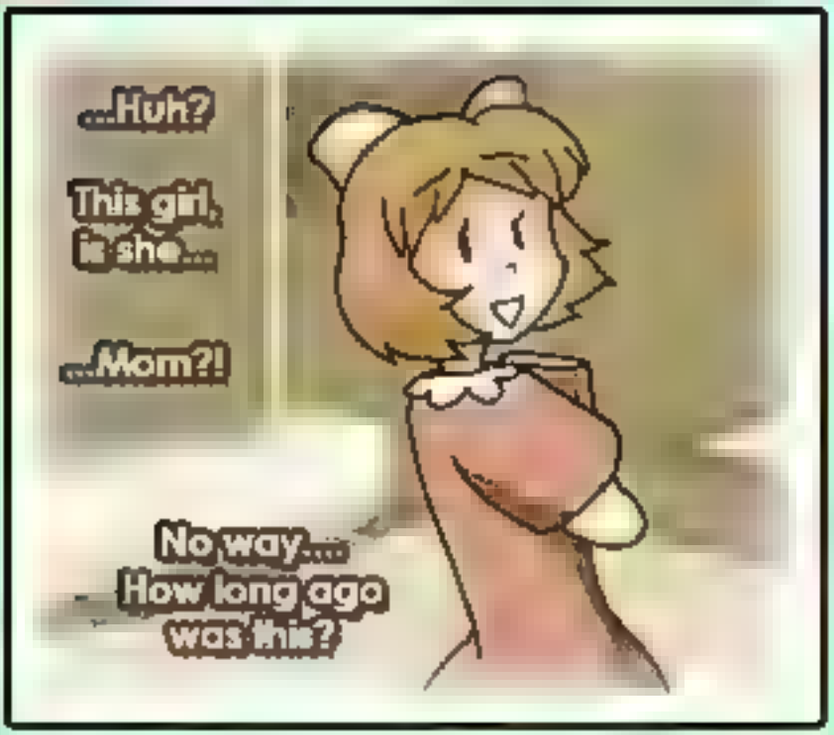
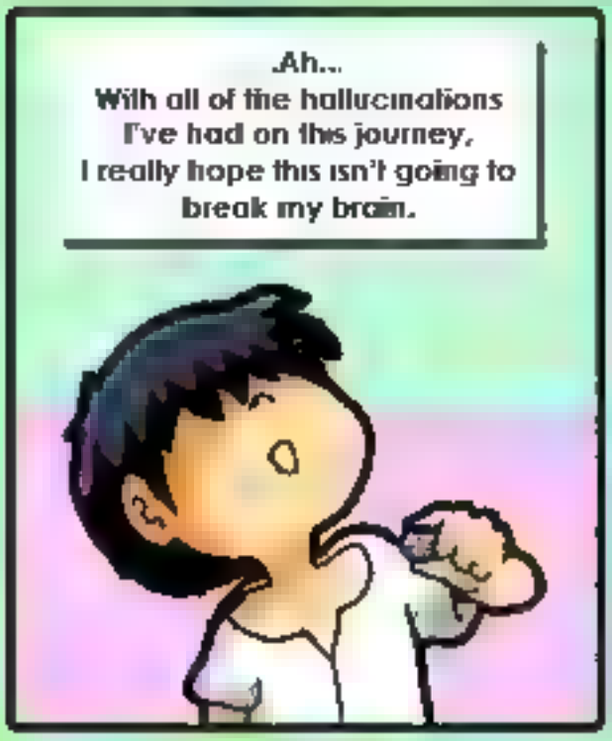
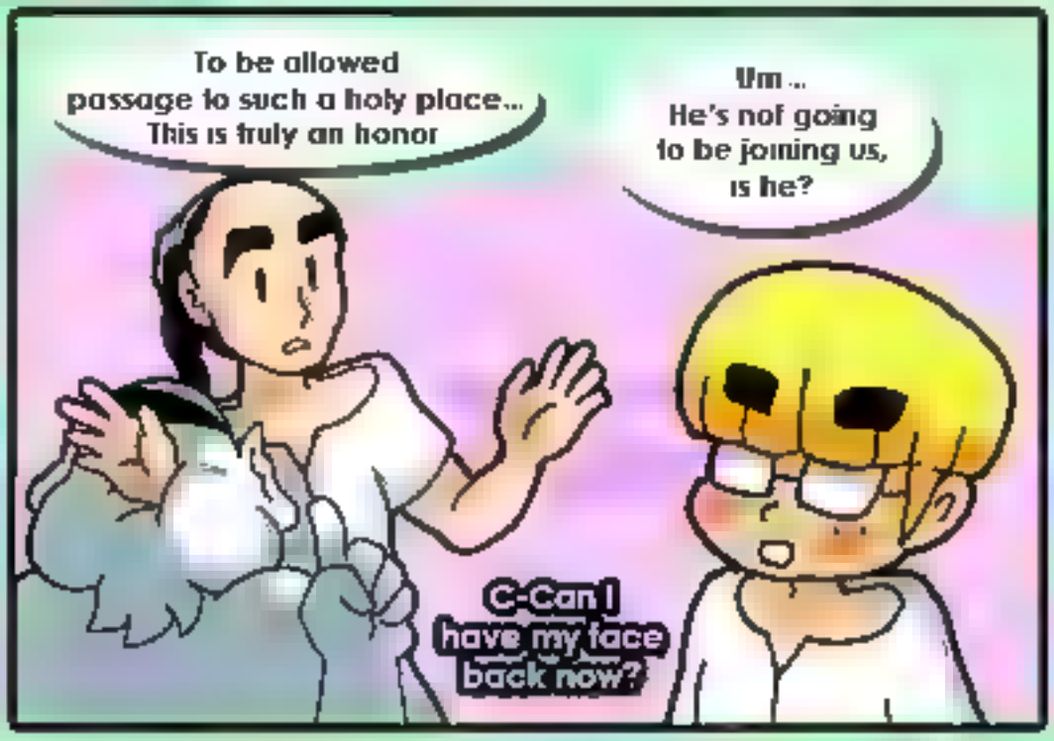
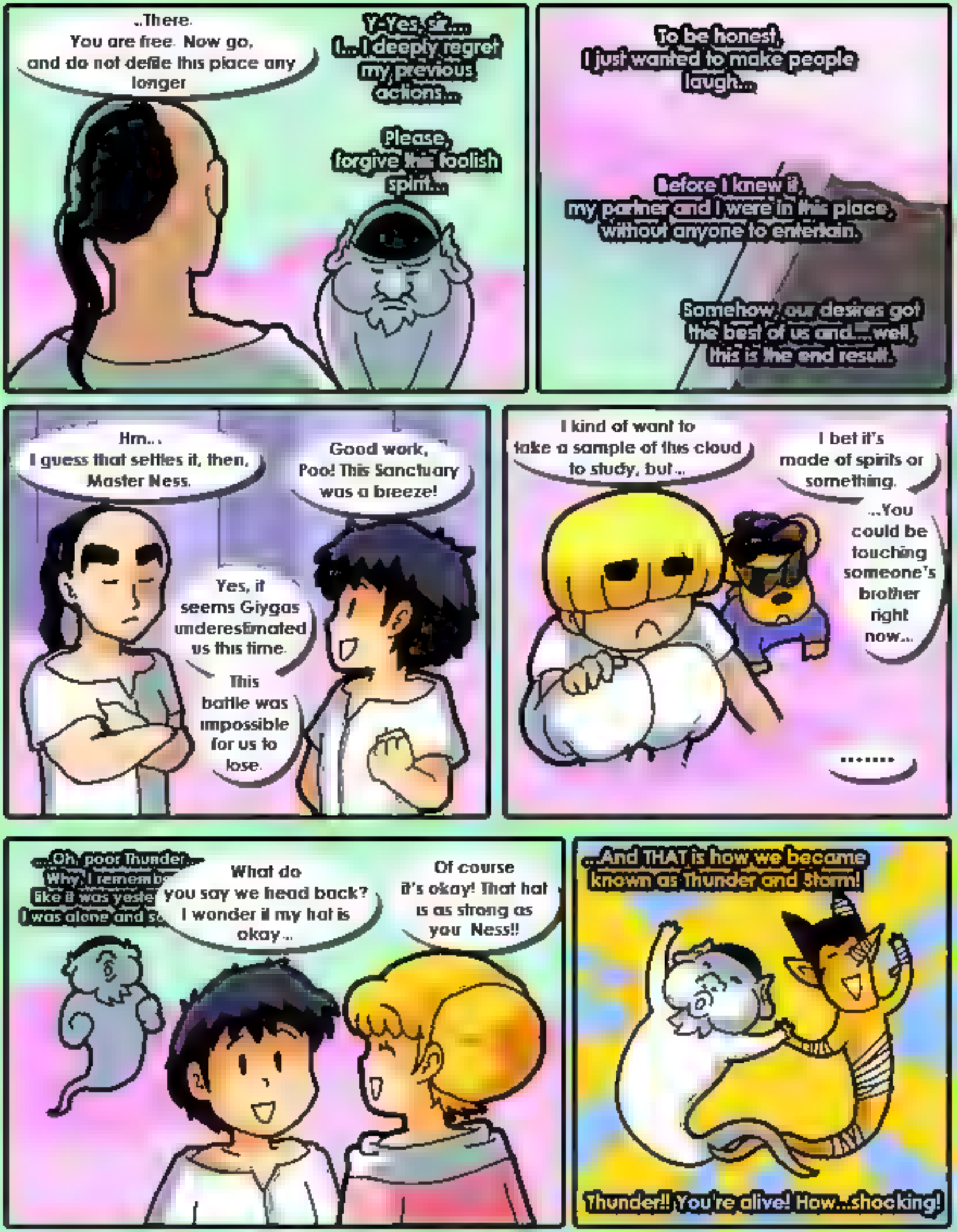

...Huh?
This girl, is she...
...Mom?!
No way.... How long ago was this?


Ah...
With all of the hallucinations I've had on this journey, I really hope this isn't going to break my brain.


To be allowed passage to such a holy place... This is truly an honor
Um .. He's not going to be joining us, is he?
C-Can I have my face back now?


..There.
You are free. Now go, and do not defile this place any longer
Y-Yes, sir.... I...I deeply regret my previous actions...
Please, forgive this foolish spirit...
To be honest, I just wanted to make people laugh...
Before I knew it, my partner and I were in this place, without anyone to entertain.
Somehow, our desires got the best of us and...well, this is the end result.
Hm... I guess that settles it, then, Master Ness.
Good work, Poo! This Sanctuary was a breeze!
Yes, it seems Giygas underestimated us this time.
This battle was impossible for us to lose.
I kind of want to take a sample of this cloud to study, but...
I bet it's made of spirits or something.
...You could be touching someone's brother right now...
.....
...Oh, poor Thunder. Why, I remem... like it was yeste... I was alone and s...
What do you say we head back? I wonder if my hat is okay...
Of course it's okay! That hat is as strong as you Ness!!
...And THAT is how we became known as Thunder and Storm!
Thunder!! You're alive! How...shocking!

Huh.... How do we get out of here again?
Can we just teleport out?
Maybe we should.. This hole is the only way, and it's too dark to even see the bottom.
Poo, do you think you could- Ack!
Alright, let's go!
P-Paula... Are we really going to do this..?
If Poo's going, then I am, too!
S-Sometimes we must have faith, e-even when jumping down bottomless pits...
Haha! This is actually kind of fun!
We're almost there- ...I think.
WHOOOOOOOOOOOOOM!
H-How long have we been falling??
Please, hear my prayer! ...I don't want to be a pancake!!

We're close. now. I can see. Wait what's behind me?
...A rainbow? Why is there a rainbow here, of all places?
It's slowing my descent .. Wait, can rainbows even do that?
Gasp.
W. We made it Somehow this rainbow broke our fall.
M. My prayer did this? I don't get it. but at least we're still alive.
Huh... What's with all the pancakes?
Please, hear my prayer... Let there be maple syrup!
That was quite a fall. Perhaps I was a bit too careless
A present? My prayers were answered!
Wait, nevermind. The present's labeled "Poo". I don't want to take my chances with the contents, so it's all yours, pal.
A present?
W Wait, he carelessly jumps down a hole and gets rewarded for it??

Lucky me I guess. Perhaps this is a gift from my ancestors. They must have foreseen my bravery to make such a courageous leap. Though I was careless, it was fate that brought me here

DA-DA DA DAAAAAA!

You got the Bracers of Kings! It... Uh, wait, what does it do, exactly?

I see, so this is one of the King's symbols.

Master mentioned before that they were lost many years ago.

They're a little gaudy, though I don't really like this kind of stuff, but I guess I'll wear them

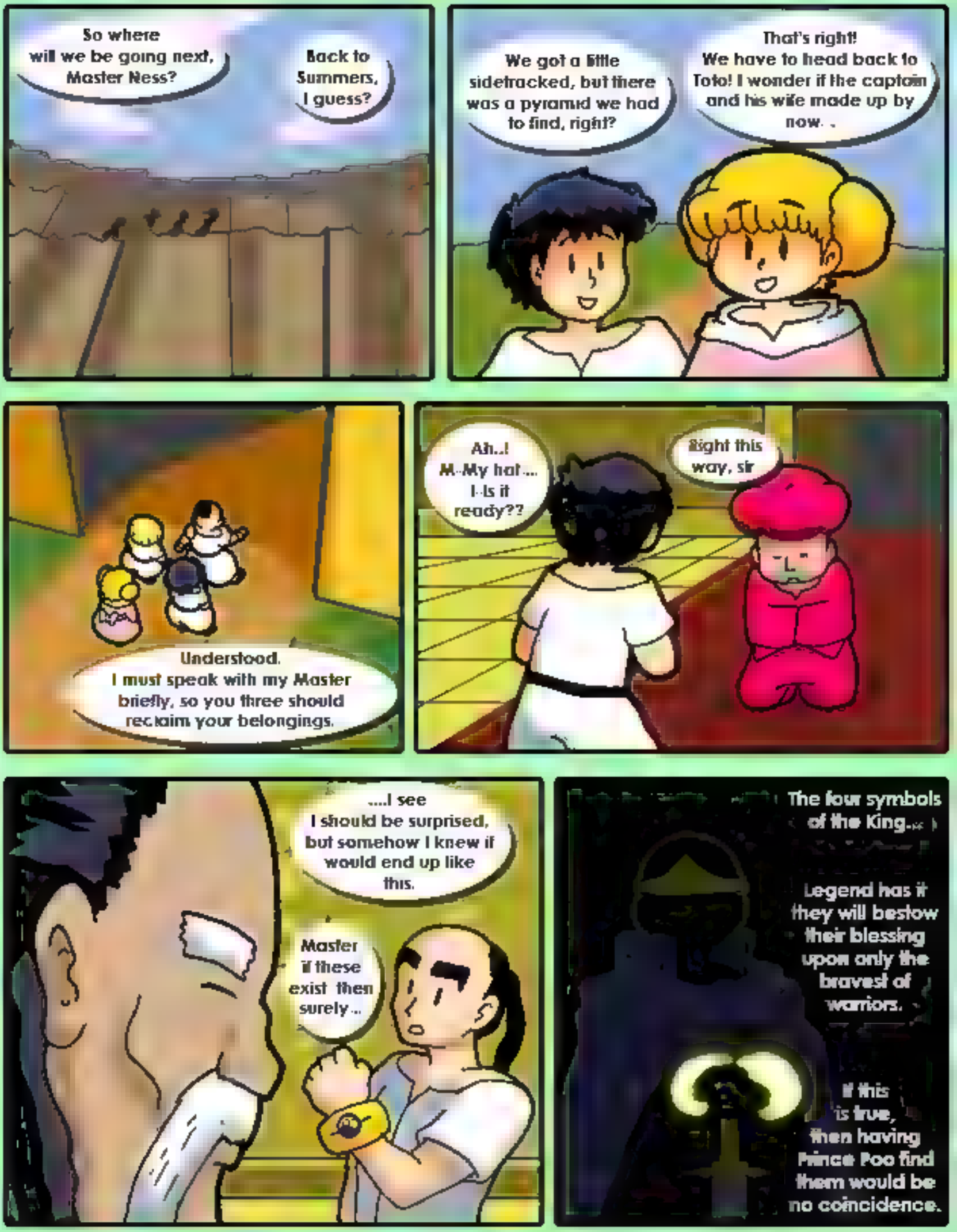
Another dead end. The only other way is...,uh, back up?

Um... I'm sure it'll be fine! We just have to climb, right?

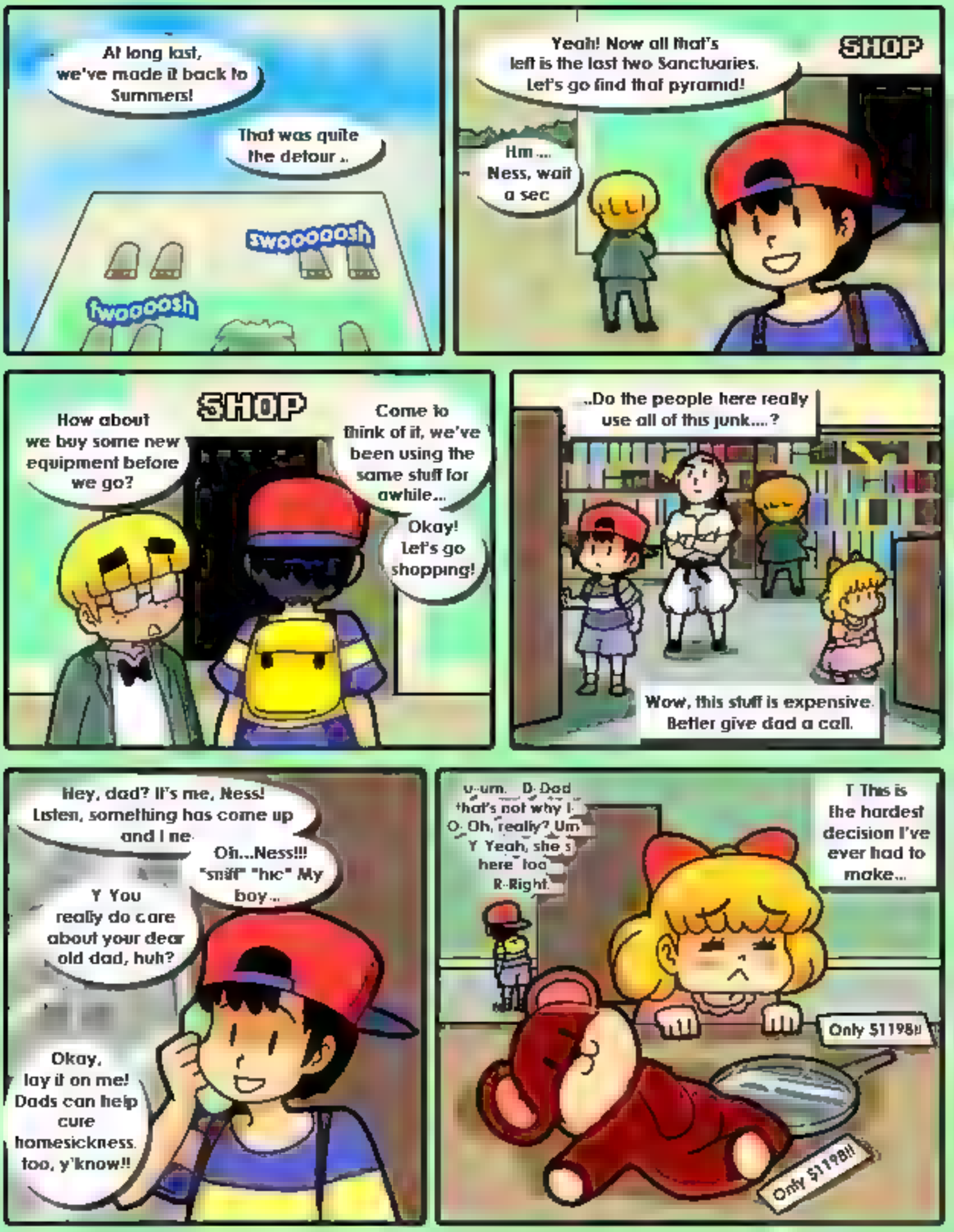
...I am so lost right now...

.Oh, hey! We made it back! It's a good thing we jumped down that hole after all!

I have a strange feeling that this does not bode well for our future....


So where will we be going next, Master Ness?
Back to Summers, I guess?
We got a little sidetracked, but there was a pyramid we had to find, right?
That's right! We have to head back to Toto! I wonder if the captain and his wife made up by now. .
Understood. I must speak with my Master briefly, so you three should reclaim your belongings.
Ah..! M-My hat... I-Is it ready??
Right this way, sir
....I see I should be surprised, but somehow I knew if would end up like this.
Master if these exist then surely...
The four symbols of the King...
Legend has it they will bestow their blessing upon only the bravest of warriors.
If this is true, then having Prince Poo find them would be no coincidence.

It is my guess that the other symbols will present themselves as you continue on your journey. Let fate take its course, Prince.
Thank you, Master. I will do my best to honor their blessing.
W Wow...
It's like they washed it with the essence of happiness...
S So sparkly...
So beautiful...
.....
I missed you...
ALRIIIIIIIGHT!!
Let's go find that pyramid!
Hee hee. Ness, you sound so excited!
Looks like we're all set to go over here, Ness!
Alright!! I'm gonna do my best, too!! Yaaaay!!
Well, then. Master Ness, shall we go?
Okay! Let's head back!


At long last, we've made it back to Summers!
That was quite the detour...
swoooooosh
twoooosh
Yeah! Now all that's left is the last two Sanctuaries. Let's go find that pyramid!
SHOP
Hm.... Ness, wait a sec
How about we buy some new equipment before we go?
SHOP
Come to think of it, we've been using the same stuff for awhile...
Okay! Let's go shopping!
...Do the people here really use all of this junk....?
Wow, this stuff is expensive. Better give dad a call.
Hey, dad? It's me, Ness! Listen, something has come up and I ne-
Oh...Ness!!! "sniff" "hic" My boy...
Y-You really do care about your dear old dad, huh?
Okay, lay it on me! Dads can help cure homesickness, too, y'know!!
U-um... D-Dad that's not why I-
O-Oh, really? Um Y-Yeah, she's here too R-Right.
T-This is the hardest decision I've ever had to make...
Only $1198!!
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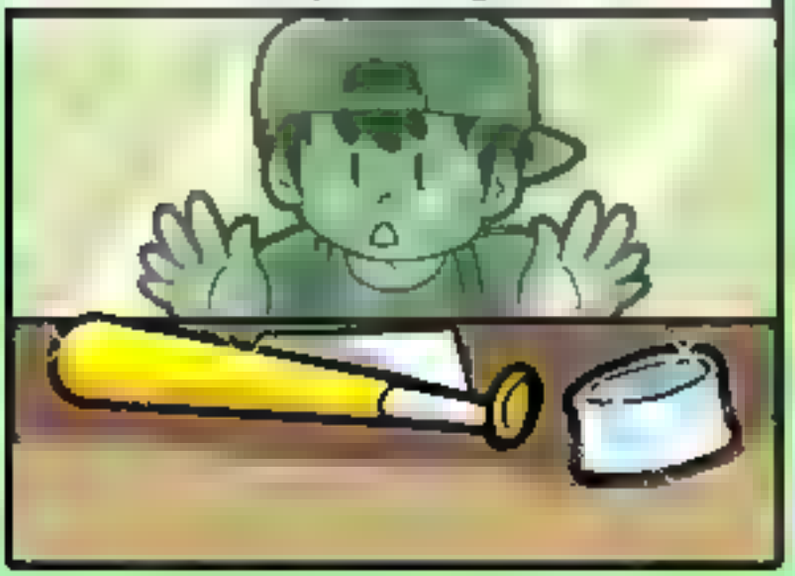
...Whew, I'm glad dad understood my situation... With what he gave me, I should have just enough to buy these two items! They're under glass, so they MUST be good!



Paula, did you...
Oh, hey, that brings back memories! You gonna buy him?

Graaaaw Sorry Ness, but Paula can't afford me

H-He's too expensive

Then I'll buy him! If I only buy a new bat, I'll have plenty of money!

N-No!! Ness, I'll...um.. I'll save up!

I'M BACK

AAAIIIEEEEE!!! A G G-G-GHOST BEAR!!!

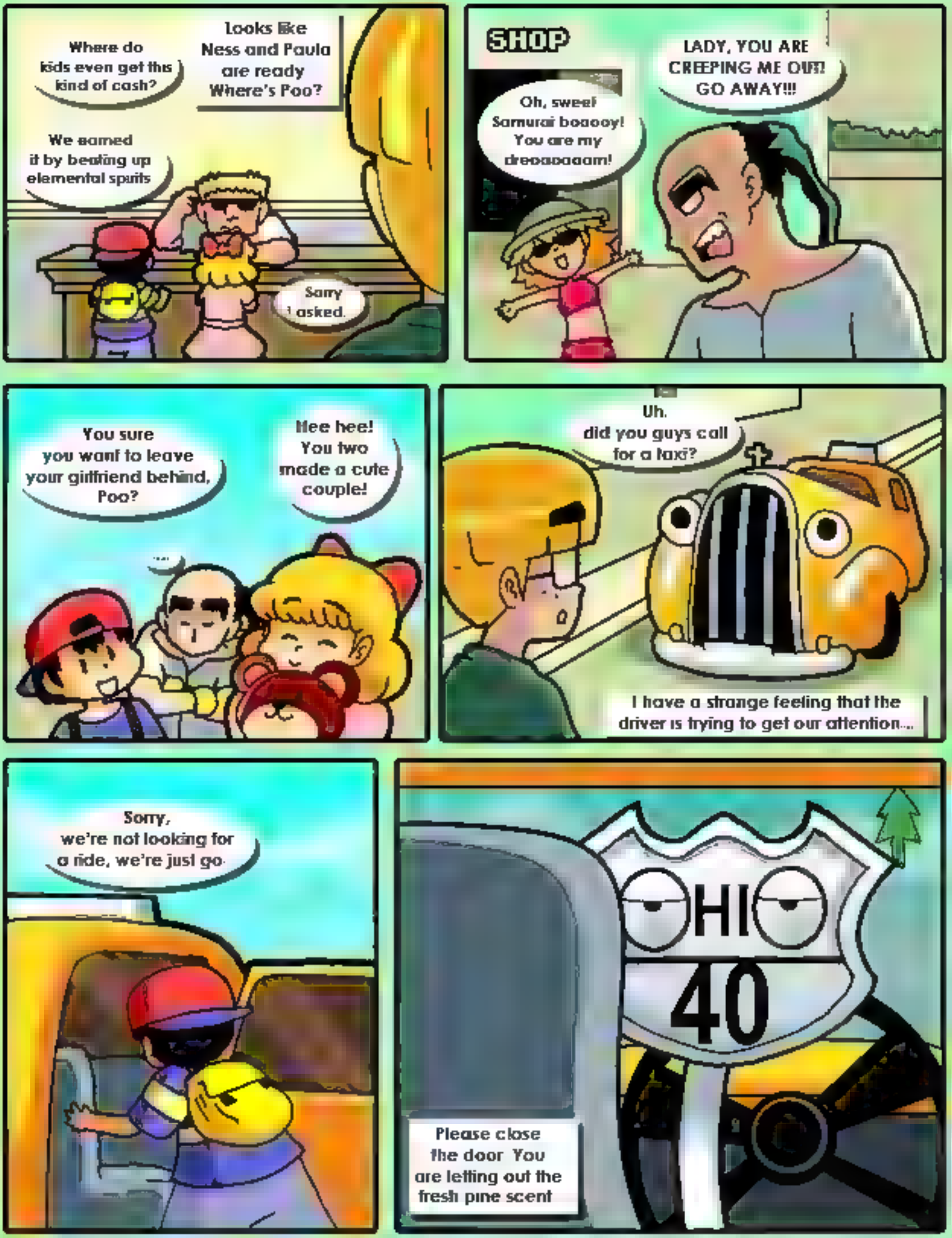
HA HA HA HA...

D-Don't come any closer! I have a chicken, and I'm not afraid to use it!!

BUCK?

Heh heh! ...You see? He's worth every penny!

N-Ness... Thank you..


Where do kids even get this kind of cash?
Looks like Ness and Paula are ready Where's Poo?
We earned it by beating up elemental spirits
Sorry I asked.
SHOP
Oh, sweet Samurai boooy! You are my dreeaaaaam!
LADY, YOU ARE CREEPING ME OUT! GO AWAY!!!
You sure you want to leave your girlfriend behind, Poo?
Hee hee! You two made a cute couple!
Uh. did you guys call for a taxi?
I have a strange feeling that the driver is trying to get our attention...
Sorry, we're not looking for a ride, we're just go
OHIO
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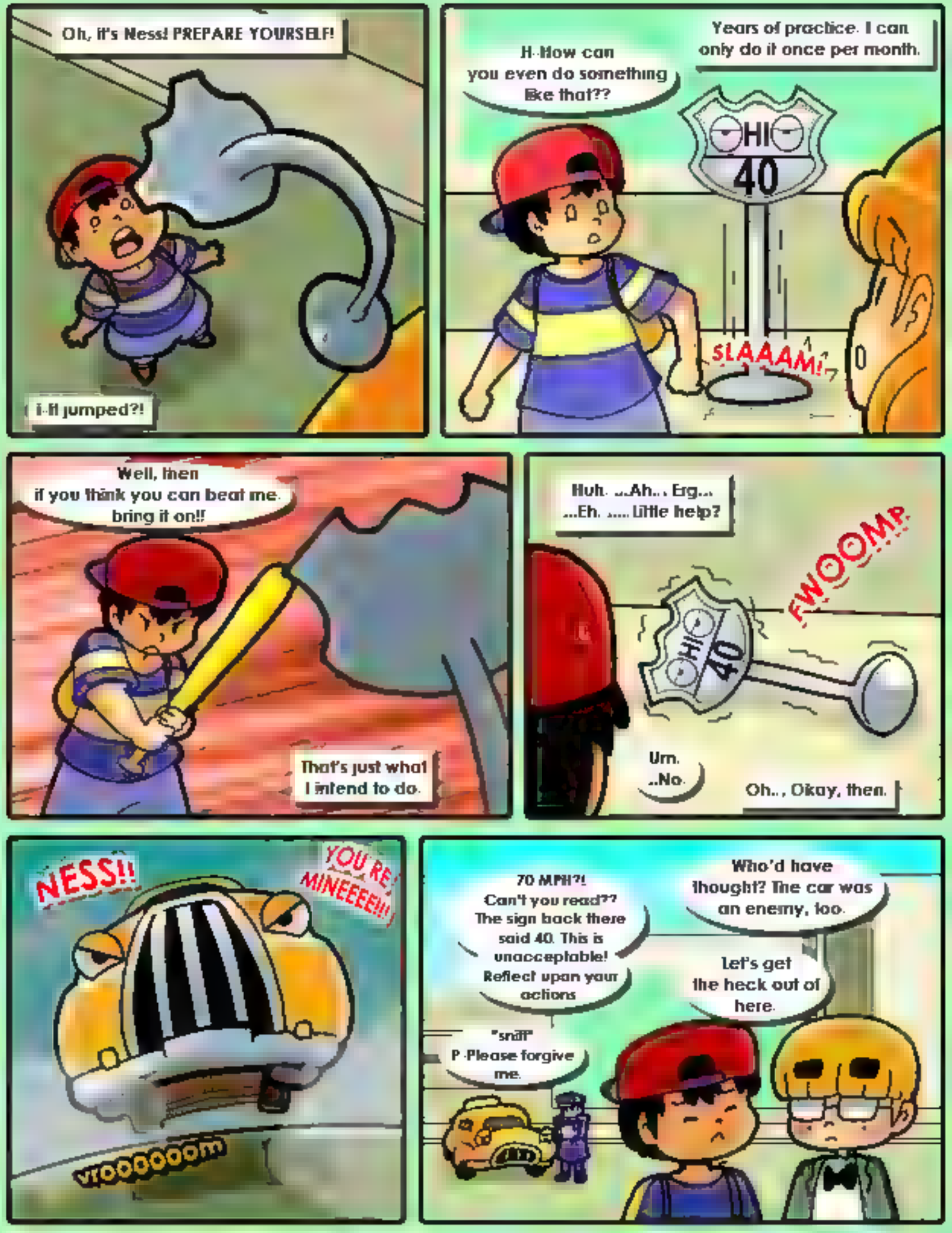
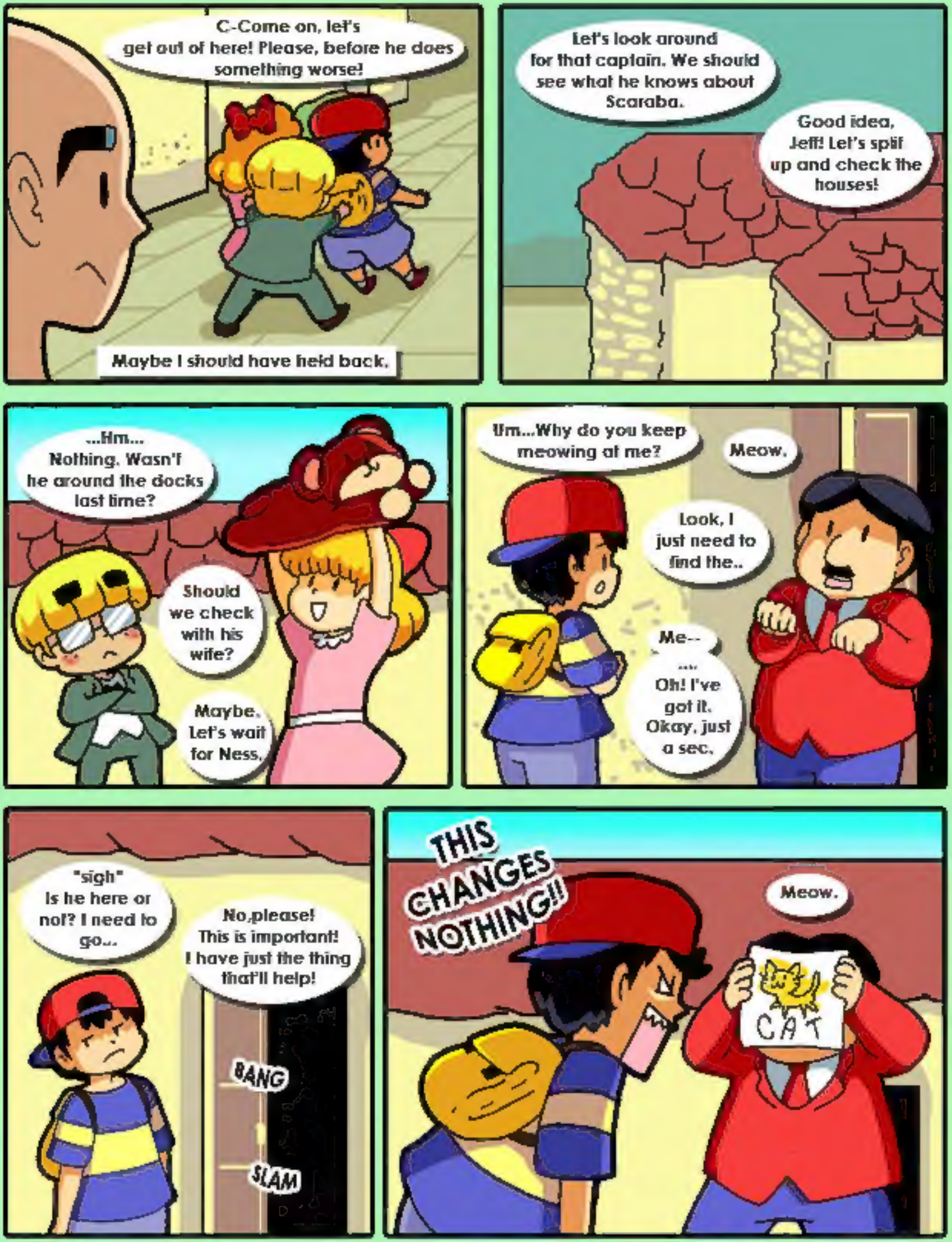
Please close the door You are letting out the fresh pine scent


Oh, it's Ness! PREPARE YOURSELF!
I-It jumped?!
H-How can you even do something like that??
Years of practice. I can only do it once per month.
HI
40
SLAAAM!
Well, then if you think you can beat me, bring it on!!
That's just what I intend to do.
Huh. ..Ah.. Erg... ...Eh. ..... Little help?
FWOOMP
Um. ..No.
Oh.., Okay, then.
NESS!!
YOU'RE MINEEEE!!!
vroooooom
70 MPH?! Can't you read?? The sign back there said 40. This is unacceptable! Reflect upon your actions
Who'd have thought? The car was an enemy, too.
Let's get the heck out of here.
"sniff" P-Please forgive me.

Hopefully Toto doesn't have any killer boats waiting for us...
It'll be okay, Ness! I'll protect you!
I don't see any enemies nearby. I think we're in the clear
Bad news. . It seems that pig kid already passed through here. You should see this, Ness...
HOTEL
This is Pokey's writing! "Ness can eat my shorts!"? "For a neighbor, he's a loser!"??
Ness ca... shorts!
For ..., he's a LOSER!
A And what's with this stupid drawing?? *gasp* STINKLINES?!
That's right, Pig's Butt! They're only suitable for such a stinky friend! I'd pay good money to see the look on your STUPID face right now!
WAAAAHAHAHAHAHA!!!
A Argh..!! He's not even here, and yet I know exactly what he's trying to say...!
Who wrote this?! Insolent billboard!!
How dare you besmirch Master Ness good name!!
hooooink...!
I -It's him. destroyer of billboards. ! P-P-P-Please spare me !
Pokey... I will not forget this.


C-Come on, let's get out of here! Please, before he does something worse!
Maybe I should have held back.
Let's look around for that captain. We should see what he knows about Scaraba.
Good idea, Jeff! Let's split up and check the houses!
...Hm... Nothing. Wasn't he around the docks last time?
Should we check with his wife?
Maybe. Let's wait for Ness.
Um...Why do you keep meowing at me?
Meow.
Look, I just need to find the..
Me--
...
Oh! I've got it. Okay, just a sec.
"sigh" Is he here or not? I need to go...
No,please! This is important! I have just the thing that'll help!
BANG
SLAM
THIS CHANGES NOTHING!!
Meow.
CAT

Jeff, I have a question. What is a "captain"?
Huh? Wait, what have you even been doing all this time...?
Look, you'll know him when you see him. The guy definitely stands out.
glub glub
How?
SPWOOOOOOSH!!
Yaaarhaaar!! Looks like we'll be eatin' tonight!
What manner of beast is this?? I must protect Master Ness...!
"Beast", huh? You must've been sent by my mother-in-law...
It's him! Heeeey, Captain!!
We found you at last!
Y-You returned...! M-My heroes...!

How are you and your wife doing?
She stopped all of that mystical mumbo jumbo talk about the Earth and "recycling", which I think is some sort of magic bicycle.
Oh, well... um...that's...great!
She's started a new tarl business, so I'm taking care of dinner.
You're still a captain, though, right? We're looking for a ship...
...to Scaraba.
KRAAAAAACK
Absolutely not. I won't be held responsible for something like that.
It's far too dangerous for kids like--
We're going!! No matter what, we have to go! Please!!
What conviction...! He's...a man's man!!
Hrmph. Very well. If you want to go, it'll be $20. Per person.
Y-You're charging us???

What's wrong?
If you're truly determined, no amount of money should stop you.
W-Why do I get the feeling he just made that up?
Here. This covers everyone, so there're no complaints, right?
I accept your determination, kid.
I'll go get the boat ready.
Great!!
Welcome to your new home, kids.
...and possibly your grave...
The vast sea... I wonder just how far we'll go?
As long as we're together, I'm sure we can face anything!
...Right?
End Chapter 5